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Turnbull to address Guild dinner

KEYNOTE speakers at the Pharmacy Guild's Annual Parliamentary Dinner have now been announced as Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, Leader of the Opposition Bill Shorten and the Leader of the Australian Greens Senator Richard Di Natale.

In its announcement, the Guild has said it is "delighted that so many Federal Parliamentarians from all political persuasions will be attending, including many new Members and Senators elected at the July election."

The dinner will be held in the Great Hall of Parliament House on the evening of 22 Nov and the Guild urges all invitees from across the health and small business sectors to RSVP by calling Natalie Perry on 02 6270 1802 by 01 Nov.

New formula entrant

FREEDOM Foods has announced its first entry into the infant formula business under the Australia's Own brand.

Freedom Foods Group is an Australian owned company and is offering Australian cow-milk-based formula containing "over 25 vitamins and minerals" and says its Diamond brand is "the only product on the market to contain a Pre and Pro biotic".

Health cost growth slows

HEALTH spending reached 10% of Australia's Gross Domestic Product for the first time, despite the growth in spending remaining slow, according to a new report from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

The report shows that \$161.6 billion was spent on health goods and services in 2014-15.

While this was \$4.4 billion (2.8%) higher in real terms than in the previous year, it is the third consecutive year that growth was below the 10-year average of 4.6%.

"This suggests that while growth in health spending is slow, it is faster than growth in other areas of the economy," said AIHW spokesperson Dr Adrian Webster.

Total health spending by governments at \$108.2 billion was reportedly 1.3% higher than in the previous year, less than one-third of the average annual increase over the decade of 4.3%.

"The slow growth in government spending was mostly driven by a fall in state and territory government spending—the only time this occurred in the decade," Webster said.

26% of the total spend, \$42b in 2014-15, came from the states and

territory governments representing a fall of 0.4% in real terms on the previous year, compared with an average annual growth of 4.8% per year, Webster said.

The Australian Government contributed \$66.2b (41% of total spending), up by 2.4% on 2013-14 compared with average annual growth of 4.0%.

Individuals, private health insurance and other non-government sources provided the remaining \$53.4b or 33.1% of the total, the report said.

Out-of-pocket health costs for individuals grew by 3.7% with 6.8% growth in private health insurance.

Growth in non-government expenditure in 2014-15 was higher than for government at 5.9% and above the average annual growth over the decade of 5.4%.

CLICK HERE to access the report.

Olympian at PA2016

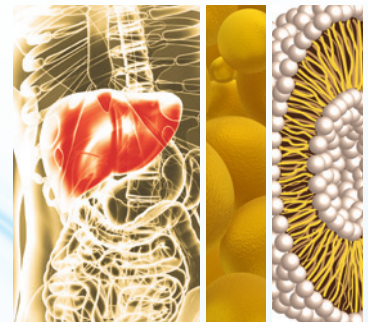
MATTHEW Mitcham, Olympic Gold Medal diver will be one of the presenters at the upcoming 2016 Pharmacy Assistant National Conference on the Gold Coast.

Mitcham received the highest score in Olympic history at the 2008 Beijing games, and is the first Aussie male to win an Olympic gold medal in the sport since 1924.

He's just one of the line-up for the conference - more info and regos at pharmacyassistants.com.

HPV vax for boys too

WITH the human papillomavirus (HPV), which causes cervical cancer in women, also responsible for many cancers in men, authors of an article in *The Conversation* have recommended boys also receive the vaccine - **CLICK HERE** for access.



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Drug trials fraudulent

MORE than 80% of clinical trial data submitted to support new drug registrations in China have been revealed as fraudulent or substandard by the country's own drug regulator, the State Food and Drug Administration, according to a report in *The BMJ*.

CLICK HERE for the abstract.



Events Calendar

WELCOME to *Pharmacy Daily's* events calendar, opportunities to earn CPE and CPD points.

If you have an upcoming event you'd like us to feature, email info@pharmacydaily.com.au.

- 20-21 Oct:** Australian Disease Management Association (ADMA) 2016 National Conference; Melbourne Convention Centre; register here: www.adma.org.au
- 26-28 Oct:** ACHSM/ACHS Joint 2016 Asia-Pacific Annual Congress; Sofitel Brisbane Central; details and to register: www.achsm.org.au
- 27-29 Oct:** Pharmacy Assistant National Conference; Sea World Resort, Gold Coast; visit: www.pharmacyassistants.com

- 16-19 Nov:** Medicines Management 2016; Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre; for more info visit: www.cpd.shpa.org.au
- 2-5 Dec:** Australasian Pharmaceutical Science Association (APSA) Scientific Meeting; The University of Sydney; more info at: expertevents.eventsair.com
- 9-12 Mar:** APP 2017; Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre; for details visit: www.appconference.com

NPS Prescriber site switch

THE tech wizards at NPS MedicineWise had to pull out their magic wands quick smart earlier this week after an online glitch saw the former website address of the flagship *Australian Prescriber* publication briefly redirected to a gossip website.

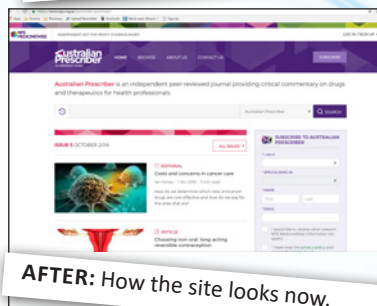
A number of *Pharmacy Daily* readers who regularly peruse *Australian Prescriber* via a bookmark on their computer highlighted the issue, which meant that rather than the expected high quality pharmaceutical information they were presented with the front page of *Cosmopolitan* magazine - with the lead story titillating readers with "Everything we know about the Kim Kardashian robbery".

The problem only affected people accessing *Australian Prescriber* via the old australianprescriber.com web address (below), and as soon as it was highlighted by *Pharmacy Daily* yesterday NPS swiftly resolved the issue.

The redirection glitch didn't impact anyone using the new address, or those who put 'www' at the start of the old URL to access the journal which moved to become a fully digital publication earlier this year (*PD* 06 Jun), with



BEFORE: the site earlier this week.



AFTER: How the site looks now.

the new address widely publicised via social media channels.

Journal editor Dr John Dowden told *PD Australian Prescriber* "does not need a sealed section or celebrity gossip to attract readers... pharmacists know they can get information from the website at nps.org.au/australianprescriber".

Win with Dermal Therapy

Each day this week Pharmacy Daily and Dermal Therapy are giving away a prize pack worth \$50 RRP.

Dermal Therapy Heel Balm Platinum is a next generation formula where results are visible in only one day. Scientifically formulated with 30% urea and a base containing 9 synergistic acting emollients, plus skin's own natural moisturising factor for use on rough, dry and cracked feet.

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Fill in the blank: Dermal Therapy Heel Balm Platinum is a next generation formula where results are visible in only ___ day.

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Elise Mahony from Flinders Medical Centre.



Dispensary Corner

SOMETIMES celebrating a win on the sporting field can get a little too intense.

Enter Canadian professional baseball player for the Toronto Blue Jays, Russell Martin (pictured below) whose left pinky finger was split open while slapping an intense high-five when his team beat the Baltimore Orioles this week.

More than just a minor ailment, Martin had to receive several stitches for the laceration.

The news about his injury starting travelling after Sportsnet's Arden Zwelling sent this Tweet: "Russ Martin split open his pinky finger on his left hand giving a high five after the game. Got stitched up. Says he's fine to play".

Guess he might just tone down the post-game festivities next time.



NEW British father Ross Watson has posted a video of himself online taste testing his wife's placenta both raw and cooked.

During his epicurean adventure he decides the delicacy definitely taste better cooked.

He enjoys both versions of the placenta as sides to his hot breakfast.

"Nine months in the cooking and about 10 minutes in the eating. Cheers" he tells viewers.

If you've got a strong stomach and want to watch the man's live reaction to his taste testing you can **CHECK OUT THE CLIP HERE**.

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