

## Today's issue of PD

*Pharmacy Daily* today has two pages of news plus a full page from **Pharmacy 4 Less**.

## PBA video guide to registration

**THE** Pharmacy Board of Australia has released a new video explaining online renewal of registration.

Pharmacists due to renew their general or non-practising registration by 30 Nov can apply online now, with the process explained in the four minute video.

Board chair William Kelly said last year 98.4% of all health practitioner registration renewals were submitted online, up 0.8%.

To view the video **CLICK HERE**.

## Mental health week

**THE** Pharmacists' Support Service has urged all pharmacists to take some time to review their personal mental well-being during Mental Health Week which takes place 09-15 Oct.

PSS president John Coppock said "in the current pharmacy environment we must all take steps to maintain our mental health by managing stress through a healthy lifestyle including regular exercise, a healthy diet, adequate sleep and ensuring sufficient time for relaxation and pleasurable activities with our friends and loved ones".

PSS also urged pharmacists to take a note of the PSS phone number 1300 244 910 which is available 8am-11pm EST every day of the year.

## GSK pricing not misleading

**THE** Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has concluded its investigation into GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), finding it has made "ambiguous but not misleading statements" linking a price increase of its Panadol Osteo products to their Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) delisting.

The ACCC said it had "some significant concerns about the ambiguity of GSK's statement" but considered that "the evidence available is unlikely to establish a contravention of the Australian Consumer Law".

"There can be a fine line between an ambiguous statement and a misleading one," ACCC Chairman Rod Sims said.

In Dec 2015, GSK sent letters to wholesalers and pharmacies referring to the Government announcement that most OTC medicines, including Panadol Osteo, would no longer be available on the PBS from 01 Jan, 2016.

"In moving to an OTC business model, GlaxoSmithKline is no longer able to sustain its current pricing of Panadol Osteo...as such, there will be a price increase on Panadol Osteo from 01 Jan 2016."

## Biolo World TGA alert

**THE** Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has tested a product labelled Biolo World Slimming capsules and found they contain the undisclosed banned substances sibutramine and phenolphthalein, which are dangerous to health.



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## ASMI appointment

**THE** Australian Self-Medication Industry yesterday announced the appointment of Dominic Cadden as its new Communications Manager, with a strong background in science and corporate publications as well as brand media & creative agencies.



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## Most risk, least care

**YOUNG** adults aged 18 to 24 years are more likely than any other age group to drink at risky levels, but are the least likely to receive treatment for alcohol use, according to a report released last week by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

Despite this, it is older age groups who are more likely to receive treatment, with almost half (49%) treated in their forties.

"Overall, the use of alcohol treatment has increased, at 30 treatment episodes per 10,000 people in 2013-14 - an increase of 20% from a decade ago," said AIHW spokesperson Tim Beard.

**CLICK HERE** for the AIHW report.



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The July 2016 release of the Children's Dosing Companion has expanded its coverage on doses for drugs used in hospital and in neonates. This update includes a number of new monographs and other changes.

For more information go to [www.amh.net.au](http://www.amh.net.au).



## Guild Update

### Draft revision of Australian Standard 85000 Quality Care Pharmacy standard open for consultation

THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia is seeking feedback on the proposed revised draft of the Australian Standard 85000 Quality Care Pharmacy Standard.

The proposed draft AS 85000:2016 Quality Care Community Pharmacy Standard seeks to promote flexibility and innovation in the industry, and aims to ensure relevance for at least five years. The draft AS 85000:2016 Quality Care Community Pharmacy Standard seeks to outline the business framework required to operate a community pharmacy in Australia. The revised draft standard also seeks to recognise the diverse business models within community pharmacy.

The draft AS 85000:2016 Quality Care Community Pharmacy Standard does not seek to override or replace existing regulations or industry specific guidelines and as such should be read in conjunction with these documents. The Guild is inviting feedback to support the increasing occurrence of complex compounding within community pharmacy. Therefore two draft standards have been proposed. Option A – complex compounding is integrated into the draft AS 85000:2016 Quality Care Community Pharmacy Standard in recognition that pharmacies that undertake complex compounding need to consider this service in all aspects of their business model.

Option B – complex compounding forms a select section of the draft AS 85000:2016 Quality Care Community Pharmacy Standard in recognition of the specialist skills and service models required to provide complex compounding.

Individuals or organisations wishing to provide feedback are requested to **COMPLETE THE ONLINE SURVEY**. The consultation period for feedback on both options will remain open until Monday 5 December.

## SHPA AusDI, MIMS deal

THE Society of Hospital Pharmacists yesterday announced agreements with health information providers AusDI and MIMS to make its *Don't Rush to Crush* second edition available as part of both publications.

Speaking about the AusDI deal, SHPA ceo Kristin Michaels said the arrangement would provide better access to *Don't Rush to Crush* since it has been recently included in the Pharmacy Board of Australia's list of essential references for pharmacists.

"This significant decision validates SHPA's long-standing commitment to developing and updating this important publication and means all pharmacists can have better access to this resource," she said.

The first phase of the AusDI integration makes the SHPA content available via a "simple search and browse interface," with an enhanced integration fully embedded into the AusDI workflow scheduled to be released later in the year.

MIMS has also partnered with SHPA to make *Don't Rush to Crush* available as "additional optional content" within eMIMS Cloud.

MIMS spokesperson Dinah Graham said the electronic version of the publication contains all update monographs since the print version was released, with updates to be continually integrated as they are made available by the SHPA.

*Don't Rush to Crush* list generic names, brand names and available forms of strengths, advising nurses and pharmacists about whether particular medications are suitable for administration in powdered form, with separate recommendations for administering solid oral dose forms for patients with swallowing difficulties.

### Locum Co shortlisted

**PHARMACY** locum-finder recruitment agency Locum Co has been shortlisted as a finalist to take out an award in the *Professional Services Business of the Year* category at the Optus My Business Awards 2016, hosted by



My Business, Australia's longest-running publication tailored to the small business community.

## Win with australis

This week Pharmacy Daily and australis are giving readers each day the chance to win a pack of Bright Eyes Illuminating Under Eye Concealer.

Want to brighten eyes, bring radiance to the skin and erase any signs of fatigue? Of course! Australis Bright Eyes Illuminating Under Eye Concealer is available in two shades that suit all skin tones – Banana and Musk – and are both equally effective. The yellow of the banana is perfect for banishing dark under eye circles and correcting redness. The pink hues of the musk accentuates & highlights features, and is a secret weapon in creating a gorgeous, luminescent healthy glow.

To win, be the first from QLD to send the correct answer to the question to [comp@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:comp@pharmacydaily.com.au)

What are the shade names?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Julie Sage from Plunketts Chemmart Pharmacy.



## Dispensary Corner

UTAH father Ryan Grassley was charged \$39.95 to hold his newborn baby.

Amused and confused by the itemised 'Skin to skin' contact charge on his hospital bill (pictured below) he posted a photo of it to Reddit then set up a GoFundMe page to pay the fee.

His tongue-in-cheek page reached its fundraising goal in just 10 hours.

"Any money donated over the \$39.35 will be put towards a vasectomy because I never want to go through these sleepless new baby nights again," he wrote on the page.

According to Utah Valley Hospital spokeswoman Janet Frank the extra charge is for the "extra care giver" needed in the operating room when holding the new baby to ensure "both parents remain safe".

DESCRIPTION	CPT CODE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
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<b>PAYMENTS &amp; ADJUSTMENTS</b>			<b>\$1163.10</b>
<b>CURRENT BALANCE</b>			<b>\$1436.00</b>

3D PRINTING seems to be able to solve quite a few of the world's problems, and this time around it turns out it might be useful for finding a cure to baldness!

New technology being developed by L'Oréal could lead to 3D printing of hair follicles which can sprout new hair.

The technique uses laser-assisted bioprinting to "produce biological tissue and position cells in 3D with extremely high cellular resolution (on the order of ten microns) and cellular viability (over 95 per cent)", according to a statement from L'Oréal.



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