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## FIP workforce study

**THE** International Pharmaceutical Society (FIP) has released a “descriptive global study of the pharmacy support workforce”.

The report, titled *Technicians and pharmacy support workforce cadres working with pharmacists* was commissioned by FIP’s Board of Pharmaceutical Practice, and aims to give a worldwide overview of the varied support workforce practices between countries.

The report says the lack of a significant number of pharmacists in some jurisdictions is a significant factor in environments with inequalities and impaired access to medicines, and “often human resources of pharmacy support workforce are used extensively to ensure basic services and improve access to pharmaceutical care”.

A range of case studies are included in the report, providing a “pragmatic view of possible formats of collaboration” between pharmacists and support staff, with four country-specific workforce models highlighted.

The report also urges long-term pharmaceutical workforce planning with a vision to develop sufficient numbers of pharmacists to serve the population.

See [www.fip.org](http://www.fip.org) for the report.

## NSW retail lease reform

**THE** NSW Government has passed amendments to the state Retail Leases Act, which clarify some issues around community pharmacy and give additional certainty to pharmacy owners.

According to the NSW Branch of the Pharmacy Guild, the package of reforms seeks to “improve transparency and fairness for landlords and retail tenants”.

In particular the amendment Bill is said to clear some of the issues around the reporting of sales by pharmacies through the removal of dispensary sales data.

Rick Samimi, NSW Guild Branch President said “this is an overdue

and welcome reform.

“It is an appropriate recognition of the unique characteristics of community pharmacy businesses and will make it easier for tenants and landlords to comply with appropriate lease requirements”.

While the change currently applies in NSW, other states and territories are looking at a new Retail Code of Industry Practice developed by the Guild, the Franchise Council and the Australian Retailers Association.

“Progress towards a uniform national position is strongly encouraged by the Guild,” Samimi added.

## Cracking age barrier

**WOMEN** in South Korea will be the first in the world to have an average life expectancy above 90 years, according to a new World Health Organisation analysis.

WHO and Imperial College London looked at predicted lifespans in 2030 in 35 industrialised countries.

Australia was fourth on the list with women expected to live about 87.5 years and men about 84 years on average - also reflecting a global narrowing of the gender gap.

## Illegal antibiotics

**RESEARCHERS** in the UK have called for urgent action to halt the illegal sale of antibiotics, after finding a significant proportion of online pharmacies were selling the drugs without a prescription.

The Imperial College London study found wide variations among online pharmacies in relation to antibiotic practices, with the problem posing “a serious threat to patient safety and national antibiotic stewardship initiatives”.

Under current legislation, online pharmacies selling medicines to consumers in the UK must be formally registered with the General Pharmaceutical Council and the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency.

More than three quarters of the online pharmacies surveyed did not show evidence of having met these legal requirements.

A key problem is that some of the sites are hosted outside the UK, meaning they’re not under the jurisdiction of the MHRA.

**CLICK HERE** to view the report.

## SHPA specialty survey

**THE** Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia is inviting members to provide feedback on the way the organisation engages with respect to areas of specialty practice.

SHPA has undertaken a review of the existing Committees of Specialty Practice model and proposed a new framework with the aim of supporting pharmacists to be skilled and engaged clinicians.

The framework is at [shpa.org.au](http://shpa.org.au) with a survey closing on 08 Mar 17.

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## Cannabis importation relaxed

**THE** Australian Government is planning to fast track the process for doctors accessing medical marijuana for patients, by authorising controlled importation by "approved providers from approved international sources" for interim supply in Australia, until domestic production of cannabis meets local needs.

Currently, doctors must import the drug themselves as local production is only just starting to be developed following legislation to approve domestic production late last year (**PD** 25 Feb 2016).

Health minister Greg Hunt announced the changes to importation regulations yesterday, saying the imports would improve the "timeliness of supply" before domestic cultivation began.

"We have listened to the concerns

of patients and their families that are having difficulty accessing the product on prescription whilst domestic production becomes available," he said.

The Office of Drug Control will implement the new policy effective immediately, with Hunt saying he expects that within the next two months Australia will have a store of imported medicinal cannabis products so that approved patients can have greater confidence in the supply arrangements for their doctors.

Hunt noted that supply of medicinal cannabis products will remain a controlled process, with strict conditions placed on importers and suppliers around handling, secure storage and accounting for cannabis products.

Destruction of unused medicinal cannabis products must occur 12 months after importation, and quarterly records relating to the source, supply, storage and destruction of the items must be provided to the health department.

For more information see the Office of Drug Control website at [www.odc.gov.au](http://www.odc.gov.au).

## Digital hospitals book

**STANDARDS** Australia is in the final stages of publication of a new world-first Digital Hospitals handbook, which is due to be published in Mar or Apr this year.

It's expected to deliver a roadmap describing a digital hospital, and how to become one for both new and existing health facilities.

## WA reference alert

**THE** Pharmacy Registration Board of Western Australia has raised concerns that a significant number of "Responsible Pharmacists" do not routinely check compliance with the Minimum Standards when making statutory declarations about reference documents at their premises.

The issue was highlighted in recent audits of three metropolitan and 38 regional applications made by pharmacists with overall responsibility for the pharmacy business, wishing to either establish new premises, relocate or make significant alterations.

The Board reminded Responsible Pharmacists and proprietors of their obligations in relation to the Minimum Standards, and recommended they immediately check their premises complied with all the applicable requirements.

The enactment of new legislation on 30 Jan 2017 necessitated a change to Schedule 1 of the *Pharmacy Regulations 2010*, stipulating that premises must have a copy of, or immediate electronic access to, the latest editions and all published amendments of a range of reference documents.

Procedural recommendations and a full checklist are available online at [pharmacyboardwa.com.au](http://pharmacyboardwa.com.au).

## New TGA guideline

**THE** Therapeutic Goods Administration has released a new compositional guideline for palmitoleic acid-rich fatty acid ethyl esters for use in listed medicines.

For details see [tga.gov.au](http://tga.gov.au).

## US drugmaker closed

**THE** US Food and Drug Administration has obtained a permanent injunction against a company called Pick and Pay Inc and Cili Minerals, a manufacturer and distributor of drugs and dietary supplements, requiring the business to immediately cease operations until it comes into compliance with federal laws.

A complaint filed by the US Department of Justice accuses the firm of unlawfully manufacturing and distributing unapproved new drugs, misbranded drugs and adulterated dietary supplements.

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## Dispensary Corner

**SOMETIMES** babies are conceived in an instant, other times it takes a lot more work.

The hardship and perseverance behind a Texas couple's two and a half year attempt to bring new life into the world has gone viral in the form of this visual pregnancy announcement **pictured** below.

A total of 452 needles which were used during fertility treatment are pictured scattered around two onesies for the coming twins.

The Facebook post which you can find **HERE** details the thousands of tears and IVF rounds endured on the path to conception.



**HOW** would you feel about holding your own heart in your hands? Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Texas is offering its transplant patients the opportunity to do just that.

Known as the Heart-to-Heart program, the initiative has given over 70 heart transplant patients the rare experience.

The patients are reportedly overcome with emotion when handed their vital organ.

One of these patients, John Bell, said his heart was "a bit larger" than he imagined and looked like a piece of roast beef.

## Blackmores H1 slowdown

**BLACKMORES** yesterday announced its financial results for the six months to 31 Dec, with overall sales across the group declining 6% to \$322 million.

The sales dip impacted the company's profitability, with net profit after tax for the period of \$28 million, down 42%.

Sales in Australia were particularly impacted, diving 31% to \$158 million compared to the previous corresponding period.

However the company said there was some recovery in the last three months of the year, with domestic Australian sales returning to modest year-on-year growth.

"Chinese-influenced sales through Australian retailers remain down, as buying patterns evolve," the company said, adding that it continued to build a "successful China business to better serve these customers".

In particular the first quarter of the financial year was impacted by changes to the way Chinese exporters purchased products, as well as high stock levels held by

Australian retailers.

"We are encouraged by progress in the second quarter across the group, though the Australian retail environment remains challenging," said ceo Christine Holgate.

China direct sales were strong, amounting to almost \$64 million during the period, up 92%.

"The Chinese market is both complex and challenging, though it remains a very important part of our business and we are pleased with our growth," she said.

The board declared a \$1.30 per share dividend, down 35%.

Blackmores shares dived more than 10% to \$104.53 in the wake of the results announcement.

**MEANWHILE** the company also confirmed that its executive chairman, Marcus Blackmore, is taking a sabbatical for up to six months from Mar, during which time his deputy Stephen Chapman will assume the chairman's role.

"Marcus will remain a director and will maintain close contact with the Board and Executive team as required," the company said.



## Travel Specials

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**CORAL** Expeditions is offering savings of 10% on 2018 Tasmania voyages aboard its newly refurbished *Coral Discoverer*.

The cruise company's third Tasmania season will kick off on 01 Jan 2018, undertaking seven night expedition voyages on a weekly basis from Hobart.

Adventures include on-board Zodiac excursions, kayaks for paddling Bathurst Harbour and there is also a range of delicious epicurean experiences.

The normal price is \$4,990 per person with the discount applying for 2018 bookings made by 31 Mar 2017 - 1800 079 545.

### Avalon's \$2,800 saving

**AVALON** Waterways is offering a holiday credit of up to \$2,800 per couple on all 2018 departures in Europe and Southeast Asia.

The river cruise specialist says the credit can be applied to international flights, a second cruise, a city break or a cash saving off the voyage.

A preview brochure for the company's 2018 offerings is now available - see your travel agent or call 1300 638 061 for details.

## Win with australis

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