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## Guild pushes Hunt on 6CPA

THE Pharmacy Guild has today placed a full page advertisement in *The Australian*, very publicly urging newly appointed health minister Greg Hunt to ensure that the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement is delivered in full.

It's the latest move in the Guild's campaign to ensure the "risk share" provisions in the 6CPA are fulfilled - referring to \$82 million in pharmacy remuneration which has been unpaid due to lower than expected script volumes (PD 23 Nov 2016).

The advertisement (pictured) congratulates Hunt on his new role and reminds him of the Coalition's commitment to the sector - at the same time highlighting the fact that one million people visit Australian community pharmacies every day.

The Guild confirmed it was still in discussions with the government on a range of issues including the



risk share provision, the additional \$50 million for the Pharmacy Trial Program and \$600 million for new and expanded professional programs in community pharmacy.

Prior to Hunt's appointment former health minister Sussan Ley was also involved in robust talks with the Guild over the risk share issue, with Guild president George Tambassis at the time saying he was confident the issue would be resolved before 01 Jan 2017.

## PML Safety Update

THE TGA has released a Medicines Safety Update relating to progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (PML), a rare but serious disease associated with certain anti-neoplastic, immunosuppressant and immunomodulatory medicines. Visit [tga.gov.au](http://tga.gov.au) for details.

## Good riddance hep C

HEPATITIS C is set to be "eliminated from Australia" within the next 10 years according to a new report released by The Kirby Institute at the University of New South Wales.

CLICK HERE to access the report.



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## Insulin pump training

THE Guild Pharmacy Academy has partnered with Medtronic for a new online course which updates pharmacists on insulin pump therapy and how it can benefit patients with type 1 diabetes.

Recent changes to the National Diabetes Services Scheme means pharmacists can now assist in the coordination of care and efficient use of insulin pumps.

The course, accredited for one hour of Group 1 CPD, identifies the various components of an insulin pump and the clinical benefits of insulin pump therapy.

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## Dispensary Corner

**IRRESPONSIBLE** pet owners have been arrested after a Texas policeman found a dog suffering from a heroin overdose on the floorboard of its owner's truck parked at a hardware store.

The cop took to Facebook to share a picture of the "tough pup" who was taken to North Texas Emergency Pet Clinic and put on a drip to help it recover from the dose of opiates.

The owners were also arrested on several drugs charges.

The dog is now ready to be placed in a new home by the City of Carrollton Animal Adoption Centre in Dallas.



**CHINESE** martial arts master Wei Yaobin believes the answer to erectile dysfunction can be found in his unusual kung-fu methods.

Yaobin has posted a video online of himself being hit in the groin with a brick.

He believes it can also fix premature ejaculation and aspires to see his "iron crotch" methods adopted worldwide - see it at [pharmacydaily.com.au/videos](http://pharmacydaily.com.au/videos).

## Advanced practice vital

A **ONE-DAY** roundtable including representatives from Australian pharmacy bodies, universities and leading international advanced practice groups has reaffirmed the "urgent need for a robust, sustainable, independent process to transform Australia's pharmacy workforce".

Participants reiterated a collective commitment to developing a central mechanism to strengthen medicines management and deliver optimal health outcomes.

Associate Professor Ian Coombes, who chaired the confabulation, said "It was heartening the think tank confirmed the establishment of a sustainable credentialing process should not be delayed, should explore closer ties with international partners and should implement principles previously

outlined and formally tested by the Australian Pharmaceutical Council (APC) in their recent pilot."

The pilot advanced practice model stipulated that an authorised and accountable program for universally available, life-long development should be rigorously maintained and delivered by people proficient in advanced pharmacy practice.

SHPA president Michael Dooley said the consensus for recognition of advanced pharmacy practice in Australia was encouraging.

International Pharmaceutical Federation director for education development, Professor Ian Bates stressed, "As in all areas of healthcare, future service delivery requires a transformative approach to workforce development - in this context, standing still means going backwards".

## CSL approval

**THE** Therapeutic Goods Administration has approved CSL Behring's new Zemaira, a highly purified Alpha-1 Proteinase Inhibitor to treat select patients with Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (AATD), a hereditary lung condition.

## Guild Update

### Glucojels galore

**GLUCOJEL'S** 2017 campaign - Express Yourself with Glucojel - will be launched at APP and builds on the remarkable success of the 75th anniversary campaign last year which introduced the concept of virtual jelly bean artwork.

APP delegates are urged to visit stands 7 and 8 to take advantage of the activities and benefits of the campaign launch.

The 'Express Yourself with Glucojel' campaign again asks consumers to display their artistic talents on the virtual palette, using Glucojel jelly beans as their 'paint'.

A monthly prize of \$1000 is being offered for the best artwork and all entries then go into a random draw for the grand prize of \$20,000 being selected randomly.

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Discover Discount Drug Stores breakfast event,  
to be held at Jupiters Hotel during APP.**

**DATE:** Saturday 11th March 2017

**TIME:** 7:15am for 7:30am to 8:30am - breakfast and presentation

**VENUE:** Broadbeach 1 Room, Jupiters Hotel and Casino,  
Broadbeach Island, Broadbeach 4218 QLD

**RSVP:** By Friday 3rd March to [adamg@discountdrugstores.com.au](mailto:adamg@discountdrugstores.com.au)

## **DISCOVER DISCOUNT DRUG STORES**

Presented by the leadership team from Discount Drug Stores, the Discover Discount Drug Stores breakfast event offers pharmacy owners a unique opportunity to learn more about the Discount Drug Store brand.

We'll share how we're tracking, provide insights into our future direction, and help you discover more about the culture and passion that exists at Discount Drug Stores. Includes an overview of the brand, including marketing & advertising, pharmacy professional services, buying & promotions, and retail operations.

The objective is to provide a better understanding of the Discount Drug Stores business – and what we can offer you and your pharmacy.

## **BREAKFAST**

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