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# Always Improving to Deliver More...



Since the launch of GuildCare NG (June 2017), we have upgraded over **1,000 pharmacies** and have had over 10,000 user logins to the new cloud-based platform. In the last year, we have delivered Pharmacy Guild initiative programs, new patient programs, myPharmacyLink app and there is more to come.

## Expanding the Delivery of Professional Services

GuildCare is the leading professional services platform bringing **over 32 programs** and expanded patient communication to include an app channel – myPharmacyLink.

## You Asked, We are Delivering

Being cloud-based enables us to deliver **more frequent releases**, ensuring we action your feature and improvement requests, including:

- OTC Clinical Interventions
- New look Health Check and HMR\*
- Fast User Switching
- Enhancements to myPharmacyLink
- Improved Dispense Requests workflow
- and more to come...

## Exciting Features & Integrations in the New Year

**We will always continue to transform the way community pharmacy deliver care** beyond 6CPA-funded programs. Further integrations planned for GuildCare NG and myPharmacyLink are My Health Record, Booking System, Loyalty Rewards and more.

The scope of what we have achieved and the transition to a new platform has meant that the GuildCare NG upgrade and on-boarding process is taking longer than expected.

We thank you for your patience as we continue to upgrade all our GuildCare pharmacies as quickly as possible.

I would like to personally thank everyone who has provided honest and direct feedback. We have listened carefully, learned a great deal and are committed to delivering a quality platform.

Ross Gallagher  
CEO, GuildLink

\*Scheduled for December release

## Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news plus a front full page wrap from GuildLink.

## GuildCare milestone

**GUILDLINK** has upgraded more than 1,000 pharmacies since the launch of its new GuildCare NG platform in Jun.

The cloud-based system allows GuildLink to deliver more frequent releases, meaning new features and improvements can be actioned quickly, according to GuildLink ceo Ross Gallagher.

More than 32 programs are now delivered via GuildCare - for more info see the **cover page** of PD today.

## Drug PI format shift

**THE** Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has announced the adoption of a new format for the layout of product information (PI).

The new form was approved 08 Nov and will begin to be used effective from 01 Jan 2018 with a three-year transition period ending on 31 Dec 2020.

Aligning with the format used in Europe and New Zealand, the new layout places critical clinical information towards the front of the PI, the TGA said, adding that the alignment would reduce the burden for sponsors preparing new PIs for use in Australia.

Headings and subheadings have also been updated to align with headings used internationally.

The TGA has posted an FAQ page on its website - [tga.gov.au](http://tga.gov.au).

## 6CPA data collection focus

**THE** Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) has announced the launch of a new resource hub to help pharmacists implement new and expanded Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement (6CPA) programs, with data collection established to demonstrate the impact of these services on patient health outcomes.

Under revised rules, pharmacists providing 6CPA-funded medication adherence and management services will provide patient data to the 6CPA Program Administrator at the time of the initial service and at a six-month follow-up consultation.

Data collection for Staged Supply began on 01 Jul 2017 and data collection for the Dose Administration Aid (DAA), MedsCheck and Diabetes MedsCheck programs will begin from 01 Feb 2018.

PSA national president Dr Shane Jackson said the PSA recognised the importance of new data collection and reporting requirements saying, "It is vital that pharmacists can continue to assist patients by providing services that have a strong evidence base."

The new hub is available to all pharmacists via PSA's website, and includes revised guidelines and quick reference tools for DAA, MedsCheck and Diabetes MedsCheck, as well as Staged Supply services.

More resources will be released in



the coming months, PSA said.

Visit [psa.org.au](http://psa.org.au) for details.

**Pictured above from left:**

Department of Health acting director of Pharmacy Programs Section Joe Dwyer, PSA national board member Grant Kardachi, outgoing PSA ceo Dr Lance Emerson and PSA senior project manager Anna Ezzy.

## Guild cancels dinner

**THE** Pharmacy Guild has cancelled its annual Parliamentary Dinner.

Originally scheduled for next Tue 28 Nov 2017, a last minute change means Parliament will not be sitting next week and most MPs will be unable to attend an event in Canberra on that night, said Guild executive director David Quilty.

He apologised to invitees who had already arranged to be in Canberra to attend the Guild dinner.

## EMA to Amsterdam

**THE** European Council has voted to move the headquarters of the European Medicines Agency the UK to Amsterdam.

The relocation, necessitated by Brexit, also involves moving almost 900 staff and families (PD 09 Nov).

## Barras SHPA Medal of Merit

### DR MICHAEL

Barras, a Fellow of the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA), has been announced as the recipient of the prestigious SHPA Medal of Merit,

challenging all hospital pharmacists to sharpen their research skills to drive the profession forward.

In bestowing the award at Medicines Management 2017, the 43rd SHPA National Conference, SHPA president Professor Michael Dooley paid tribute to Dr Barras'



leadership and research focus over 25 years in the profession.

"Michael has been recognised today for his wonderful contribution to mentoring and developing

younger hospital pharmacists, and he has had an exceptional influence in research surrounding hospital pharmacy."

In accepting the medal, Barras celebrated the scope and influence of hospital pharmacy practice and called for its evolution to continue.

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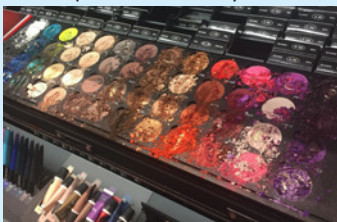
## Dispensary Corner

**LADIES** shopping for makeup, please leave your kids behind.

That was the strong message from a US woman who posted an image on Facebook (below) of what she said was \$1,300 worth of cosmetics destroyed by a toddler at a Sephora store.

The incident happened in Georgia, with Brittany Nelson's post saying she was sure the child thought they were finger paints.

While she didn't actually see the damage occurring, the perpetrator was tracked down by "glittery footprints [that] helped us decipher it was a tiny human".



**LONDON** buses look set to be powered by coffee - just like their commuting passengers.

A new biofuel created by blending diesel with oil extracted from coffee grounds is to be added to the public transport fuel supply, reports the BBC.

The company behind the move, Bio-Bean, has so far made sufficient coffee oil to power one bus for twelve months.

Bio-Bean founder Arthur Kay said Londoners created a massive 200,000 tonnes of coffee waste each year, with buses able to use the blended biofuel without requiring engine modifications.

Kay said it was a great example of "what can be done when we start to reimagine waste as an untapped resource".

## Creso push into China

**LISTED** medicinal cannabis company Creso Pharma has just announced its expansion into the Chinese market with the inking of new deals.

The company announced it has signed a commercial distribution and strategic partnership with



Chinese hemp producer Zhejiang Kingdom Creative Co. that will see Kingdom Creative

export Creso's animal and human health hemp and cannabis-derived products to the local Chinese market.

Zhejiang Kingdom Creative Co. is a subsidiary of Hong Kong-listed company Kingdom Group whose revenue for the six months ending 30 Jun 2017 was RMB454.8 million or A\$90.6 million.

The deal anticipates the potential for collaboration in cosmetics, body care and medicinal cannabis products in China.

Creso said it had opened four offices in China to support the partnership as it gained a foothold in local markets.

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## MGC aims at epilepsy

**MEDICINAL** cannabis company MGC Pharmaceuticals has announced via the ASX that it has signed an exclusive supply agreement to bring its epilepsy product CannEpi to the Australian market.

The agreement with Australian pharmaceutical distributor HL Pharma is expected to generate around \$1 million a year in revenue for MGC from the approximately 100 patients already registered, with a potential market size of more than 70,000 Australians suffering from drug-resistant therapy.

This binding Definitive Agreement comes after a Heads of Agreement signed with HL Pharma 01 Nov and is anticipated to lead to a marketed product in 2018.

The company said it had been building an Australian patient market through its existing relationship with Epilepsy Action Australia with the registration of prescribing doctors.



## Dementia pain app

**LISTED** Australian company ePAT has developed an app called Painchek that uses artificial intelligence and smartphone technology to help patients with dementia communicate about their pain - [CLICK HERE](#) for more.



## Guild Update

## NBN rollout guide for pharmacies

**LIKE** most Australian small businesses, telephone and internet connections are central to the backbone of your pharmacy business. They drive your business and pharmacy practice activities; your communication with partners, patients and suppliers and are key to ensuring your staff can operate effectively.

That's why it's important that pharmacies are prepared as the National Broadband Network (NBN) is rolled out across the country. It's important to understand what is happening so that you can get ready to make the transition. It's also important to know how to deal with problems as they arise - and reports from Members suggest there have been difficulties in some areas.

The Guild has produced a guide which provides more detailed information about the NBN and the technologies required to support its roll-out. It's available for Members only on the Guild website [www.guild.org.au](http://www.guild.org.au) under the resources tab.

## Win with dreambaby

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