

## Minfos MHR link

**EBOS-OWNED** point of sale and dispensing software company Minfos has announced it has integrated with My Health Record (MHR), making the functionality available to all Minfos pharmacies registered with the Australian Digital Health Agency (ADHA).

EBOS Group gm for Pharmacy Technology Andrew Hall said the integration enables uploading of scripts to a patient's record in MHR, access to information such as medical history, medications prescribed, discharge summaries, allergies, adverse reactions and immunisations.

In addition, he said the system can help patients with chronic and complex conditions to better manage their health.

ADHA ceo Tim Kelsey said the announcement represents an "important milestone" to promote the safer use of medicine and reduce the estimated 230,000 hospital admissions each year due to medication errors.

## More Apo-perindropil recalled

**FOUR** additional batches of Apo-Perindropil Arginine are being recalled by Apotex, in an expansion of the contamination alert issued last week (**PD 09 Nov**).

It's the second time that more batches of the product have been identified as being contaminated with dark particles of silica released from the dessicant cylinder placed in the bottle to keep the contents protected from moisture.

Batch details at [tga.gov.au](http://tga.gov.au).

## PDL warns of fake scripts

**PHARMACEUTICAL** Defence Limited (PDL) has raised awareness of reports regarding consumers who are posing as prescribers and using faxed, email or mobile phone images to fraudulently obtain prescription medications.

Controlled drugs are a popular target of the scam, with PDL detailing a recent example where a "prescriber" contacted pharmacies to confirm the availability of a particular S8 medicine.

An email address was requested to send the fake prescription to the pharmacy, with the so-called prescriber in some cases making reference to the patient's health which is then confirmed by the "patient" when they collect the item.

Another method has seen the "patient" fax or email a single script to numerous pharmacies in order to obtain multiple supplies of the medication - but was not able to present the original script when they picked up the drug, while the purported prescriber was non-contactable at the time of pick-up.

PDL urged pharmacies to undertake a "rigorous process"

to ensure authenticity of a faxed or emailed prescription, including independently sourcing clinic contact details, confirming scripts by speaking to the prescriber, and ensuring the original prescription is provided directly to the pharmacy.

"PDL advises against dispensing prescriptions presented by a patient/consumer that have been faxed, emailed or sent via SMS or shown on a mobile phone photo unless the original is presented at the time of collection," PDL said.

## 1,410 MHR pharmacies

**JUST** one in five retail pharmacies in Australia are registered with the government's My Health Record (MHR) system, according to new statistics released by the Australian Digital Health Agency.

The figures indicate just 1,410 pharmacies are taking part in the system, along with 6,274 general practices, 785 public hospitals and health services, 177 private hospitals and clinics and 184 aged care residential services.

To view the latest MHR statistics visit [myhealthrecord.gov.au](http://myhealthrecord.gov.au).

## Greg Hunts for votes



**NSW** Pharmacy Guild branch immediate past president Rick Samimi was paid a visit yesterday by campaigning Bennelong Liberal candidate John Alexander, along with Health Minister Greg Hunt.

During the visit to Samimi's Amcal Pharmacy in Macquarie Shopping

Centre, the three discussed the Pharmacy Compact, including dosage administration aid funding and a more complete use of pharmacist skills by expanding the role of pharmacists in primary care.

**Pictured** from left are Greg Hunt, Rick Samimi and John Alexander.

## MATES on depression

**DEPRESSION** management is the latest topic to be addressed by the Veterans' Medicines Advice and Therapeutics Education Services (Veterans' MATES).

The site provides information for veterans and their carers as well as data and links for health professionals including pharmacists.

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## Dispensary Corner

**DRUGS** really have been a big part of rock'n'roll according to a new study out of Curtin University.

More than one in five Australian top 20 songs from 2003 to 2015 included references to alcohol, tobacco or illicit drugs, the researchers discovered.

Published in *Drug and Alcohol Review*, scientists examined 508 songs that featured in the top 20 over that timeframe and found almost all references to alcohol, tobacco or illicit drugs were framed in a positive light.

In 2010 almost half of the top 20 songs mentioned drugs, before declining steeply in the following years, which was linked to the 'YOLO', or You Only Live Once, phenomenon.



**TUNE** that thermostat to 22° C to keep you and your family or co-workers happy.

Scientists in China and the US have concluded that people in both countries living in regions averaging around 22°C tended to score higher on personality factors such as agreeableness, conscientiousness and emotional stability, as well as being more extroverted and open to new experiences.

The study is observational, so it doesn't prove cause and effect, but researchers suggest a clement climate may influence openness and social engagement.

## Vic pharmacists honoured



**VICTORIAN** hospital pharmacist Rodney Whyte has been awarded the 2017 Victorian Pharmacist Medal, with the accolade presented at the Victorian Pharmacists Dinner last Fri night, 24 Nov 2017.

Whyte is also the Clayton area coordinator for the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA), and is based at Monash Health.

The dinner also saw Associate Professor Stephen Marty named a Life Fellow of the PSA for his

extensive contribution to the profession including establishing national registration.

Mark Feldschuh was named a Fellow for his leadership and innovation in pharmacy practice, while a certificate of appreciation was presented to David Hosking for his passion for excellence in compounding.

Whyte is **pictured** above with PSA Vic president Ben Marchant & PSA national president Shane Jackson.

## Guild Update

### Codeine transition resources delivered to pharmacies

**COMMUNITY** pharmacies across Australia have begun receiving a range of resources designed collaboratively by the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia in preparation for the 1 February 2018 transition of medicines containing codeine becoming Prescription Only.

The Guild and the PSA are committed to ensuring that rigorous, safe and patient-focused solutions are in place to enable this change, which will affect an estimated one million patients in 2018.

The two organisations have collaborated to develop a package of materials - designed to support pharmacists and consumers - which reflect a whole-of-pharmacy approach to ensure the entire pharmacy sector is prepared for the change.

There are also training modules being rolled out nationally. Modules to support pharmacists and pharmacy staff are aimed at supporting staff in the transition to upscheduling and providing advice on pain management to patients. These modules are available for all pharmacists to access via Guild Learning & Development and the PSA's websites.

## WIN WITH LE TAN

Each day this week Pharmacy Daily and Le Tan are giving away a prize pack of selected Le Tan Sunscreen and After Sun products.

The new Le Tan feel good sunscreen lotion is sweat resistant, four hours water resistant and won't run into your eyes. The new and improved formula contains hydrating ingredients such as coconut water to hydrate the skin while in the harsh Australian sun. Available in three SPF variants - 15, 30 and 50 SPF - and different size bottles. Also new is the Le Tan Cool it! After Sun range that contains three Aloe based products for instant cooling and hydration.

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### Name the hydrating ingredient?

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