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### Today's issue of PD

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

### Prescribing expert

**THE** Pharmaceutical Society of Australia has announced the upcoming visit of Ravi Sharma, and independent pharmacist prescriber from the UK.

Sharma is heading down under to work with the PSA and share insights into UK pharmacist prescribing "and explore how to progress this important role for pharmacists in Australia".

PSA National President Shane Jackson said the current restrictions mean Australia is missing out.

"It makes no sense that dentists, nurse practitioners, midwives, podiatrists and optometrists can prescribe, while pharmacists, the medication specialists, cannot," Jackson said.

He said PSA is leading the agenda in Australia to "ensure pharmacist prescribing becomes a reality by 2020," with CPD events featuring Sharma and Jackson to take place on Mon 22 Oct in Melbourne and Thu 25 Oct in Sydney.

The Sydney event will also be livestreamed - see [my.psa.org.au](http://my.psa.org.au).

## NSW pharmacist charged

**A PHARMACIST** based in the Sydney suburb of Mosman is facing court over the alleged illicit export of more than \$500,000 worth of Gardasil 9 injections to Hong Kong.

NSW police confirmed the female pharmacist and a male associate have been charged after a joint agency investigation conducted by the Australian Federal Police, NSW Police, the Australian Border Force, Department of Home Affairs and the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission.

Search warrants were executed in early Aug at the pharmacy and a home at Sydney Olympic Park where various items were seized, with the pair now due to appear in

court on Wed 21 Nov 2018.

Police will allege in court that the woman supplied more than 2,400 Gardasil doses to the man who exported them under a false declaration to Hong Kong.

The woman, who is a registered pharmacist, has been charged with three counts of "prohibition on wholesale supply of certain substances," NSW police confirmed.

The pharmacist has also been referred to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.

According to the *ABC*, the pharmacist involved is Katherine Gong, proprietor of the Harmony Pharmacy and Wellness Clinic.

### Free pneumococcal vaccination seminar

**THE** National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) is conducting a free seminar to discuss the importance of pneumococcal vaccines in adults, with a focus on strategies for determining which pneumococcal vaccine to give to whom and when.

The seminar is being held on 30 Oct and registration is required.

**CLICK HERE** for more information.

### Benrimoj to retire

**THE** UTS Graduate School of Health (GSH) yesterday announced the retirement of Professor Shalom (Charlie) Benrimoj, who helped establish the school in 2011.

An international search will start soon for a successor to Benrimoj, with Professor Joanne Gray appointed as Acting Head, GSH.

### Rowett to present

**AUSTRALIAN** Pharmacy Council past president Debra Rowett will present the next Lloyd Sansom AO Lecture, with the series returning by popular demand.

Rowett will speak about interprofessional communication and practice at the event taking place at 4pm on Tue 27 Nov at the Majura Park Conference Centre in Canberra.

Attendance is free, but RSVPs are required for catering purposes - to register **CLICK HERE**.

### Cystic fibrosis hope

**AUSTRALIAN-LED** research has brought new hope to patients with cystic fibrosis.

A new drug known as VX-445 when added to existing treatments has demonstrated improved lung function in the studies.

The University of Queensland, Monash University, Alfred Hospital, Mater Hospital and National Jewish Health, USA, collaborated in the study with a follow-up research project supporting the findings.

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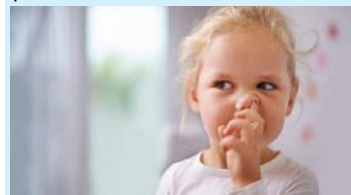
## Dispensary Corner

**WHAT** is rhinotillexis?  
Less politely it is "nose-picking".

It's not only socially frowned upon but is now considered a real health concern - the practice has been shown to transfer the *pneumococcus* bacteria from hand to nose, according to researchers from the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and Royal Liverpool Hospital.

With children, nose-picking is especially prevalent and places them at higher risk of infection.

Authors of a new nose-picking study said children's toys and hands should frequently be cleaned, while adults should avoid sharing food, drink and mobile phones - for more **CLICK HERE**.



**REJOICE** coffee addicts! Here's another reason to get an espresso.

Quaffing caffeine from coffee - but not from other foods (tea, soda and chocolate) - was associated with less risk of rosacea, a common chronic inflammatory skin disease where the skin appears red and flushed, according to researchers at Brown University, Rhode Island, USA.

Decaffeinated coffee was not associated with the phenomena, study authors wrote.

The observational study included more than 82,000 women in the Nurses' Health Study II with data collected on coffee, tea, soda and chocolate consumption.

## Palliative medications

**THE** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) has updated its "Palliative care services in Australia" website including its section on palliative care-related medications.

In 2004, the Australian Government introduced the Pharmaceutical Benefits for Palliative Care Schedule as a subsection of the PBS Schedule to improve access to essential and affordable medications for patients receiving palliative care.

Anti-inflammatory and anti-rheumatic medications were the most commonly prescribed medication type (subsidised) in 2016-17 (61.8%), followed by analgesics (26.7%) and laxatives (7.2%), the AIHW states.

Of the 914,000 palliative care-related prescriptions, about one in 17 (5.9%) patients receiving them during 2016-17, were aged 85 or older, with one-third (33.0%) aged 65 or older.

PBS/RPBS subsidised prescriptions accounted for 62.2% of all palliative care-related prescriptions.

See the updates at [aihw.gov.au](http://aihw.gov.au).

## Pregnancy update

**THE** Therapeutic Goods Administration has added 12 new drugs to its Prescribing Medicines in Pregnancy database.

New entries include bictegravir, erenumab, tafenoquine, tildrakizumab and letemovir.

For the full list see [tga.gov.au](http://tga.gov.au).

## Insurance concern

**THE** Neuromodulation Society of Australia and New Zealand (NSANZ) has raised the alarm over the Australian Government's new Private Health Insurance (PHI) policy changes, saying they may affect Australians with chronic pain.

Under the new arrangement, which takes effect 01 Apr 2019, unless a patient has a top-tier "Gold" health policy, they may be unable to access device-based pain management treatments.

The NSANZ, which brings together experts in the alteration of nerve activity through the delivery of electromagnetic stimulation or chemical agents, says the change may force drug-based solutions and worsen the opioid crisis.

## Travel Specials

**WELCOME** to *Pharmacy Daily's* travel feature. Each week we highlight a couple of great travel deals for the pharmacy industry, brought to you by *Cruise Weekly*.

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