

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has three pages of news plus a full page from Sigma.

APC consultation



THE pharmacy profession and related stakeholders are being urged to have their say on the review of the accreditation standards for pharmacy degrees and intern training programs.

The current standards are due for a review to reflect the current and future needs of the profession and the public.

Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) CEO Bronwyn Clark said it was important all pharmacy practitioners, trainees, students, pharmacy educators, program administrators, other health professionals and the public submitted to the review and influenced the quality of preparation for pharmacists as contemporary health service practitioners.

"The development of accreditation standards has a significant impact on the future of pharmacist training and the standard and quality of pharmacy that emerges post university and intern training," Clark said.

APC has published a comprehensive Health Profession Accreditation Practices International Literature Review as a background for those contributing - **CLICK HERE**.

Submit at pharmacycouncil.org.au.

Alliance honours excellence

PHARMACY Alliance has named Woodvale Pharmacy in Western Australia as the group's first ever Alliance Pharmacy of the Year, with the accolade part of the annual Pharmacy Alliance Members Forum last week on Hamilton Island.

Other winners included Nhill Pharmacy in Vic for Partner Pharmacy of the Year, honoured for its "amazing community engagement and focus on health outcomes through social media and customer events"; and NSW's Oberon Pharmacy as Member Pharmacy of the Year which had consistently implemented Pharmacy Alliance member programs and initiatives at a high standard.

Pharmacy Alliance CEO Darren Dye, pictured with India Hasley, Retail Manager of Woodvale Pharmacy WA, said the winners were selected based on their support for Pharmacy Alliance programs including generic, private



label, OTC branded ranges and marketing execution - along with their influence on community health outcomes.

"There are so many outstanding Member Pharmacies in our 600-plus strong network that it was a very difficult task, but we were able to narrow the field down to one very worthy winner in each of our three pharmacy categories," he said.

Dye also named BioCeuticals as Pharmacy Alliance Supplier of the Year 2018, with members of the group having widely supported the practitioner-only range.

Prenoxad shortage

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration advises health professionals that Prenoxad 1 mg/mL solution for injection in a pre-filled syringe is in short supply as a result of a shipping delay.

The interruption in supply began on 18 Oct and is expected to be resolved in mid-Nov.

Prenoxad is supplied under section 19A of the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 to help address a shortage of registered naloxone pre-filled syringe products.



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Nice Pak joins Click and Collect

A TOTAL of 13 new brands have been added to the Pharmacy Click and Collect platform, with Nice Pak Products joining the Pharmacy Guild of Australia initiative.

The expansion includes Milton, BabyU, Heinz Baby Basics, Hedrin, Hairy Lemon, Dermal Therapy, Crampeze, Flexiseq, Eurcyl, Ocean Health Care and Multi-Gyn, along with Sudocrem and Isocol.

PharmacyDotCom GM Aaron D'Souza urged all Guild member pharmacies to activate their free subscription to Pharmacy Click and Collect, with the addition of the new brands meaning pharmacies could capture more customer traffic and more direct sales - see pharmacyclickandcollect.com.au.

Reducing med errors

THE American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) has released new guidelines on "Preventing Medication Errors in Hospitals".

The society recommends that pharmacists participate in multidisciplinary committees and take an active role in the evaluation and monitoring of the medication-use process throughout their hospital.

Pharmacists are encouraged to examine and improve systems with a view to enhanced safety.

The stated purpose of the guidelines is to provide pharmacists with practical recommendations and best practices for preventing and mitigating patient harm from medication errors in the health-system setting - see ajhp.org.

ASMI backs OTC pill

THE Australian Self-Medication Industry has hailed a commitment by the Vic Opposition to increase access to the contraceptive pill if elected (**PD** yesterday).

ASMI CEO Deon Schoombie said the approach outlined by Shadow Health Minister Mary Wooldridge was sensible and "enhances the role that GPs and pharmacists play in the delivery of healthcare in Australia".

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Ward MM DNA-based plans

MEDICATION review company Ward Medication Management has launched a new “world first model of care,” which aims to reduce the risks of harm by providing individuals with ongoing personalised medication plans based on DNA analysis.

Dubbed “Thrive,” the high-touch clinical pharmacy service is being debuted together with aged care providers Allity & Uniting AgeWell.

“Thrive reduces the risks of harm caused by taking multiple medications through DNA analysis, in-depth collaboration with an individual’s full health care team, regular medication plan updates and around-the-clock access to a team of clinical pharmacists specialising in geriatric medicine,” the company said.

A simple DNA swab is used to measure which medications an individual’s body can metabolise well, with the information feeding into the creation of each patient’s personal medication plan.

Ward MM CEO Fiona Rhody-Nicoll said Thrive aimed to reduce the alarming number of drug-related hospital admissions in Australia, and also highlights the critical importance of clinical pharmacists within the healthcare system.

The “precision medicine” initiative will roll out nationally from Jan 2019, and will be available from \$52 per week for aged care home residents and \$72 for those living independently.

Thrive can also be funded via a Home Care Package, Ward MM said - more info at wardmm.com.au.

UK test kit seizure

BRITAIN’S Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency is warning consumers to ensure they only buy legitimate Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) and HIV test kits, saying it had seized over 10,000 fake items sold online since 2015 which could potentially give false negatives.

EBOS opens new centre

EBOS CEO John Cullity had a very busy day last Fri, formally opening the company’s new \$15 million distribution centre in Western Sydney after also announcing the 100% acquisition of Terry White Group Limited (PD Fri).

The opening of the new facility at Pumulwuy also featured NSW Health Minister Brad Hazzard, who helped Cullity cut the ceremonial ribbon to inaugurate the centre.

“This incredible new facility for EBOS is testament to the forward thinking culture of EBOS in the healthcare market in Australia,” Hazzard said.

The \$15m centre will operate as part of EBOS’ Healthcare Logistics business, and will target growth in the pre-wholesale market, according to Cullity.

“The landscape of Australia’s healthcare supply chain is constantly evolving and as dedicated healthcare experts,

we believe we are well suited to service this market,” he said.

The distribution centre features storage for up to 30,000 pallets in a temperature-controlled environment, along with a large cold room and specially designed areas for controlled drugs and dangerous goods.

It becomes the largest facility operated by EBOS Group across Australia and New Zealand, and will initially operate at about 60% of full capacity as the company plans to capture more market share.



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Dispensary Corner

A CHINESE youngster has undergone a quick full body scan after climbing onto the baggage belt at a railway station in Zhongshan City.

A video of the incident shows a man passing safely through a security scanner but then turning back when he realises his son has disappeared from view.

He goes back through the check-point looking for him, only to find the boy on the other side crawling out of the luggage X-ray machine.

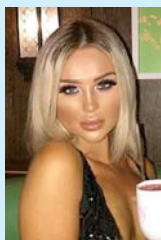
Officials said the boy was not injured, with the official footage also including an image of the child inside the scanner (below).



THOSE cosmetic enhancements can be so darned pesky.

A British beautician has failed to avoid a fine for driving under the influence, after claiming she was unable to properly blow into the breathalyser because of her collagen lip implants.

20-year-old Scarlett Harrison (pictured) was pulled over in Manchester, and in an initial test was found to be over the limit.



However during an attempt to make a more accurate measurement in the "intoximeter" room at a police station she claimed she couldn't provide a sample because her lips were too big.

TWC upgrades Academy

TERRYWHITE Chemmart has announced an upgrade of its training academy to support member pharmacies by upskilling staff in the delivery of various leading health program initiatives.

The TerryWhite Chemmart Academy will offer a range of education and training opportunities for pharmacists and support staff, including the Retail Leaders Forum; Masterclass training events; and an online platform including webinars, videos and training modules.

"Creating exceptional customer experiences every day is our number one priority," said TerryWhite Chemmart CEO Anthony White, adding that the Academy delivers "high-quality, industry-specific content and practical, face-to-face training to ensure pharmacists are more knowledgeable, more informed and more confident in their important role in community pharmacy".

White said TWC believed the



Academy would ultimately help pharmacists improve patient health outcomes & deliver better financial results for their businesses.

Face-to-face programs include the three-day Masterclass for over 400 pharmacists - enabling them to achieve their full complement of CPD - as well as state-based forums such as the Western Australian event (pictured) held this week.

Win with Plunkett's

Everyday this week Pharmacy Daily and Plunkett's are giving away an NS-8 Heel Balm and an NS-8 Leg Care Cream valued at \$28.90.

Give your feet some love! Spring is here and it's time to make sure your feet and legs are ready - soft and smooth. NS-8 Heel Balm is not greasy, so you don't need socks and natural exfoliants gradually remove dry, thickened skin, so you don't need foot files. NS-8 Heel Balm is now available as a Bonus Pack containing a 150g tube. Recommended by podiatrists and diabetes friendly. Australian owned and made.

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To win, be the first from QLD to send the correct answer to the question to comp@pharmacydaily.com.au



True or False: NS-8 Heel Balm means no socks and no foot files

Check here tomorrow for today's winner.

UTS Pharmacy dinner

THE 2018 UTS Pharmacy Gala Dinner is scheduled for Thu 13 Dec, with the black tie event set to celebrate the achievements of the top UTS Pharmacy students.

The 2018 Innovative Pharmacist of the Year will also be announced, sponsored by AstraZeneca.

Guild Update

GuildEd. A new chapter for Guild Learning and Development

THE new GuildEd site provides pharmacy owners, pharmacists, intern pharmacists, dispensary assistants and pharmacy assistants with access to a contemporary, innovative and engaging online learning platform.

GuildEd replaces the myCPD and myLearning sites with a single, streamlined platform.

The site has undergone significant changes which include a fresh look, intuitive navigation and new CPD tools.

Future plans will allow individual staff, pharmacy teams and entire pharmacies to access, manage and administer their training and education needs

Boasting the same high-quality education and with more than 35,000 pharmacists and pharmacy assistants already registered, GuildEd promises to be the premier destination for pharmacy education.

To access GuildEd please visit guilded.guild.org.au.



Top Performing Amcal & Guardian Pharmacies Named for QLD

The state winners of the best performing Amcal and Guardian pharmacies in Queensland have been named at their respective annual Amcal and Guardian Pharmacy Assistant Annual Conference & Gala Awards.

Brian Tomlin, Sigma's General Manager Amcal and Guardian congratulated all the award winners.

"Amcal and Guardian would like to acknowledge and thank all our award nominees, finalist and award winners. Our pharmacies play a pivotal role in providing complete healthcare solutions, to improve customer and patient health outcomes in our communities. We are very pleased to be able to recognise their achievements and celebrate the award winners," he said.

The award winners will now represent their states at the National Amcal and Guardian Retail Conference and Gala Awards to be held on the Gold Coast in March 2019.

Throughout the four PAAC conferences in 2018, both the Amcal and Guardian Pharmacy Assistants were asked if they wanted to contribute towards the drought situation in Queensland. Due to their kind generosity, the group were delighted to present a cheque to the value of \$2418.05 to Amcal+ Beaudesert Pharmacy in support of local farmers.

The Award Winners

Amcal and Guardian Pharmacy of the Year 2018

Amcal Award Winner: Marlin Coast Amcal Chemist
Guardian Award Winner: Busikos Pharmacy

Guardian Community Pharmacy of the Year 2018

Guardian Winner: Clermont Pharmacy

Amcal Professional Services Pharmacy of the Year 2018

Award Winner: East Ballina Amcal Pharmacy

Amcal and Guardian Retail Manager of the Year 2018

Amcal Award Winner: Elizabeth Sommerville - East Ballina Amcal Pharmacy

Guardian Award Winner: Nakia Scarborough – Scarborough Beach Pharmacy

Amcal and Guardian Pharmacy Assistant of the Year 2018

Amcal Award Winner: Cheree Brough – Amcal + Deception Bay

Guardian Award Winner: Taylor Osborne – Busikos Pharmacy Toowoomba