

## Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has four pages of news including our weekly Health & Beauty feature plus full pages from:

- Sigma Healthcare

## APP online rego closes

TIME is running out to register for APP2019 with online registrations closing today at 11.00am AEST.

Registrations can still be made onsite after this time however they will incur a \$50 late fee.

Flexible options for registration are available - **CLICK HERE** to see options and the program.

## Asthma management

**GUILD** Learning and Development is partnering with GSK to run an online course titled *Asthma management and the role of the pharmacist in optimising patient outcomes*.



The management of asthma is based on a stepwise approach, which takes into account a continuous cycle to assess, adjust treatment, and review response at different stages of the patient's asthma control.

The accredited course examines the stepwise approach and demonstrates how pharmacists can play an important role in supporting the approximate 11% of the population affected.

Pharmacists can play a vital role in optimising the management of asthma for patients through inhaler technique checks, assessing adherence and recognising where referral to the GP is appropriate.

Access is via [guilded.guild.org.au](http://guilded.guild.org.au).

## 2019 Guild PotY winners

THIS year's Guild Pharmacy of the Year (PotY) competition has resulted in judges naming four community pharmacies as category winners across four states.



The winners this year are:

- Pharmacy 777, Glengarry WA – Excellence in Community Engagement, Collaboration and Partnerships
- Wilkinson's Pharmacy, Burnie TAS – Excellence in Community Engagement, Health Services
- Flannery's Pharmacy, Forbes NSW – Excellence in Business Management
- Harding's 24 hour Pharmacy, Annerley QLD - Excellence in Professional Innovation

Guild Pharmacy of the Year Awards, conducted annually by the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, recognise pharmacies that are leading the way in providing innovative and optimal healthcare for members of their community.

The four pharmacies will be showcased at the award presentations tomorrow, 8.30am, at the Australian Pharmacy Professional conference on the Gold Coast.

The session will feature the naming of the overall winner of the 2019 award, chosen from among these four category winners.

Spokesperson for the judging group Nick Panayiaris, Guild National Councillor and President of the South Australian Branch said, "Traditionally there are three category winners but the standard this year was of such exceptional quality that the judges decided an additional category winner was warranted."

"The four pharmacies named

as category winners were outstanding in their development and adoption of innovative approaches to building viable businesses around the delivery of an increasing number and range of services to patients.

"These four pharmacies stand as great examples to the profession and the direction community pharmacy is heading into the future."

## Auto BP machine tick

**AUTOMATIC** blood pressure (BP) machines of the type used in pharmacies have been shown to be as accurate or more accurate than blood pressure measured in routine clinical practice, according to new work out of Canada.

Published in *JAMA Internal Medicine*, researchers conducted a meta-analysis of 31 studies involving 9,279 participants.

The comparison importantly had patients seated in a quiet place such as a pharmacy consulting room - go to [jamanetwork.com](http://jamanetwork.com).

## Amcal Hall of Fame inductee

**MONASH** Health Chairman, former President of the Pharmacy Guild of Victoria and prominent pharmacist Dipak Sanghvi (pictured) has been inducted into the prestigious Amcal Hall of Fame on the opening night of the Amcal Guardian Retail conference being held on the Gold Coast.



Sigma Healthcare CEO Mark Hooper personally thanked Dipak, who has been a loyal and dedicated Amcal member and Sigma supporter for over 40 years.

Dipak opened his first Amcal store in 1979 and still runs four

pharmacies in Australia.

There was also an inductee into the Guardian Hall of Fame - John Branchi, 70, started his first pharmacy in 1970 and launched the Guardian brand in WA a little later.

He still works with his wife and two sons, also pharmacists.

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## Botanix roadshow



**FOUNDER** and Executive Director for ASX-listed dermatology company Botanix Matt Callahan from the United States will commence an Investor Roadshow in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth.

He will meet with brokers, analysts and members of the press to discuss the company's progress in developing novel treatments for acne, psoriasis, atopic dermatitis and other skin conditions.

Access the Botanix Overview and ASX announcement at [asx.com.au](http://asx.com.au).

## SA/NT pharmacists honoured

**RESPECTED** pharmacist Dr Danny Tsai has received the SA/NT Pharmacist of the Year Award at the Annual Celebration of Excellence in Pharmacy hosted by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA).

Minister for Industry and Skills David Pisoni presented the award to Tsai (**pictured**) at Veale Gardens in Adelaide on Fri night.

Veronika Seda won the SA/NT Early Career Pharmacist Development Award, while Karissa Searle was presented with the 2017 PSA Gold Medal and Wala Hamid Haj Ali with the 2018 Gold Medal.



PSA SA/NT President Robyn Johns congratulated Tsai and commended his significant contribution to the safe and effective use of medicines in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and for improving clinical pharmacy services in Central Australia.

Tsai is the inaugural Antimicrobial Stewardship Pharmacist at the Alice Springs Hospital with current research interests including investigating the demographics and bacteriology of severe community acquired pneumonia in Central Australia.

"Not only is Danny a terrific mentor for early career pharmacists, he also supports student placements in Alice Springs and contributes to ongoing education for health professionals working in remote areas," said Johns.

Seda is the Chair of the SA/NT Early Career Working Group and a project pharmacist with the Adelaide Respiratory Health Project through Asthma Australia and the Lung Foundation.

## Med cannabis training

**MEDICAL** Cannabis Research Australia is conducting a series of seminars for health professionals around the use of medicinal cannabis in Australia next week.

The seminars will evaluate 10 different medical conditions for which medicinal cannabis has some clinical efficacy evidence: chronic pain, arthritis, Crohn's Disease, AIDS/HIV, asthma, Multiple Sclerosis, cancer, epilepsy, Alzheimer's Disease and glaucoma.

Early bird tickets are now available for \$25.00 - note that tickets are limited to theatre capacities.

The seminars cover the latest trends and scientific research and may qualify for CE/CPD points - for more information: [mcra.org.au](http://mcra.org.au).

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## Generics win launch

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**GENERICS** firm Alphapharm has won a landmark case enabling it to launch its insulin biosimilar Semglee in Australia after the Full Federal Court rejected Sanofi's application for leave to appeal.

Both the first hearing and Full Court concluded that Alphapharm had a strong prima facie case of invalidity of the Sanofi patent.

Even though Sanofi had established a prima facie case that Alphapharm's product fell within the scope of the initial claim, there was a weak prima facie case of infringement because it was not possible to infringe an invalid patent.

Full details are at [ashurst.com](http://ashurst.com).

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## Pharmacist prescribing input

**THE** Pharmacy Board of Australia (PBA) is seeking public and stakeholder views on pharmacist prescribing and has published a discussion paper this week.



The discussion paper includes the outcomes of a prescribing forum the Board held last year and a range of questions to help the pharmacy profession further explore its role in prescribing.

Questions in the discussion paper cover topics that include:

- models of prescribing that can be pursued by the pharmacy profession, including the supporting evidence
- identification of gaps in evidence that may need to be addressed by the profession, and
- issues that need to be considered and addressed to assess the regulatory need for an endorsement for prescribing of scheduled medicines.

The discussion paper is intended to stimulate discussion and collaboration among stakeholders and highlight where further work is needed.

It is published on the PBA website under Current Consultations or you can **CLICK HERE**.

Previously the PBA had published a report about the outcomes of the pharmacy prescribing forum, which

it facilitated to help participants consider and discuss the need and opportunities for expanding pharmacist involvement in prescribing.

The PBA also published a background paper and two other reports about prescribing commissioned by the Board on the Professional practice issues page.

Closing date for feedback on the paper is Mon 15 Apr 2019. The Board will review the feedback and a report will be published along with submissions at a later date.

### BD Ultra-Fine on NDSS

**BD ULTRA-FINE** 5mm Pen Needle with EasyFlow Technology and 5-Bevel Comfort is now available in Australia, on the National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS).

EasyFlow Technology is an extra thin wall cannula that improves the flow rate of insulin for a faster injection and the new 5-Bevel needle tip is designed to reduce penetration force and increase comfort, the company says.

Pharmacist and credentialed Diabetes Educator Kirrily Chambers said these new features could help healthcare professionals transition people using injectable diabetes medications to shorter pen needles.

For more see [anz@bd.com](mailto:anz@bd.com).

## Win with Banana Boat

Everyday this week Pharmacy Daily and Banana Boat are giving away a Simply Protect prize pack including the Banana Boat Simply Protect Sports Lotion 180ml (RRP of \$16.99) and Banana Boat Simply Protect Kids Lotion 180ml (RRP of \$16.99).



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To win, be the first from WA to send the correct answer to the question to [comp@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:comp@pharmacydaily.com.au).

Is Banana Boat Simply Protect sweat resistant?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Emily Keleher.

## Medlab inks Canadian deal

**AUSTRALIAN** medical life sciences company Medlab Clinical (MDC) has announced that it has executed a Heads of Agreement with Canadian pharmaceutical



patented sub-micron delivery platform called NanoCelle.

NanaBis is a buccal spray currently in the second stage of an Australian advanced cancer pain trial,

company Pharmascience for the further development and global distribution of NanaBis.

The terms of the Heads of Agreement provide for both parties to negotiate various research, regulatory and commercial milestones involving potential global territories for NanaBis.

Founded in 1983, Pharmascience is the fourth largest generic pharmaceutical company in Canada and has over 35 years of experience in servicing patients and healthcare providers.

Pharmascience employs 1,500 employees worldwide and is headquartered in Montréal, Canada as a full-service, privately owned pharmaceutical company that has strong roots in Canada and a growing global reach.

The firm develops and distributes its products to patients and healthcare professionals in more than 60 countries.

As a company, they have invested in excess of CA\$500m in R&D since inception.

NanaBis is a highly purified CBD/THC proprietary blend using MDC's

### Morphine Sulfate alert

**THE** Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has issued a Safety Advisory warning involving Morphine Sulfate Injection BP 30mg in 1mL ampoule.

The TGA highlights that this product is not safe to be used for either the epidural or intrathecal routes.

Morphine Sulfate Injection BP 30 mg in 1 mL ampoule is an unregistered product (sourced from overseas) that has been approved for use as an alternative product during the current shortage of DBL Morphine Sulfate 30 mg/1 mL injection BP ampoule.

DBL Morphine Sulfate 30 mg/1 mL injection BP ampoule is the only registered morphine 30 mg injection product marketed in Australia and is not expected to be available again until 30 May 2019.

In the meantime, the TGA has granted approval to Link Medical Products to supply for the relief of severe pain not responsive to non-opioid analgesics.

For more see [tga.gov.au](http://tga.gov.au).

available for use under the Australian Government's Special Access Scheme and currently before several regulatory agencies for potential fast track drug approval pathways.

Dr Sean Hall, CEO of MDC stated, "NanaBis is in an exciting stage of its development as the company looks to fast track global drug approval pathways."

"This Heads of Agreement signifies real intent and interest for a true global pharmaceutical company to enter legitimate science as it relates to cannabis that has been research focused into a serious condition: cancer pain."

Hall further commented, "being able to collaborate with global pharmaceutical companies like Pharmascience allows MDC the opportunity to expand NanaBis quicker in global territories including USA and Canada."

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## Dispensary Corner

**ALWAYS** follow the advice from a medical professional, when you are playing football, wear a mouthguard, when you ride a bike, wear a helmet, and when you carry an unlicensed gun around in your pocket, don a lead-plated codpiece.

If only an Indiana man had remembered that sage advice recently when he accidentally shot himself in the penis.

Mark Anthony Jones told doctors that he was reaching down to "adjust the gun" when it began to slip and fired.

While being attended to his painful wound in hospital, the news somehow got worse for Jones who was told by the authorities that he may now be facing criminal charges for not registering his weapon - now that reality is below the belt.

**HOT** chocolate could be a safe, easy way to reduce fatigue symptoms associated with inflammation in people with multiple sclerosis (MS), according to international researchers.

Cocoa, found in chocolate, is rich in flavonoids, which have anti-inflammatory properties.

The team asked 40 people with MS to drink high- or low-flavonoid cocoa every day for six weeks.

They found those who drank high-flavonoid cocoa rated their fatigue as lower, and were also able to cover more distance in 6-minute walking tests.

If these results can be confirmed in larger studies, dark chocolate and cocoa could be an easy (and delicious) way to reduce fatigue symptoms, the researchers add.

See [jnnp.bmj.com](http://jnnp.bmj.com).

## Health, Beauty and New Products

Welcome to our weekly promoted feature with all the latest health, beauty and new products for pharmacy. Suppliers wanting to promote products in this feature should email [newproducts@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:newproducts@pharmacydaily.com.au)

### Chemists' Own Cold & Flu Relief PE



Chemists' Own has expanded its Cold & Flu Range with the launch of three new Chemists' Own Cold & Flu PE products, the first

of which featured here: **Chemists' Own Cold & Flu Relief PE**. This product may help to reduce fever and provide temporary relief of cold and flu symptoms such as nasal congestion, sinus pain, runny nose, headache, body aches & pain. Each tablet contains paracetamol 500g and phenylephrine hydrochloride 5mg. This medicine may not be right for you. Read the label before purchase. Follow all directions for use. If symptoms persist, talk to your health professional. ARTG ID: 308292.

**Stockist:** 1300 9 ARROW (27769)

**RRP:** \$9.99

**Website:** [www.chemistsown.com.au](http://www.chemistsown.com.au)

### Antidote EDT by Viktor & Rolf

**Antidote EDT** is an oriental woody fragrance created by Alienor Massenet and Pierre Wargnye. Top notes of bergamot, mandarin, bitter-sweet grapefruit, mint and Guatemalan cardamom, middle notes of Sambac jasmine, cinnamon, orange blossom, lavender, African geranium, nutmeg, freesia and violet, with a base of sandalwood, vanilla, Indonesian patchouli, white musk, amber, caramel, incense, Texan white cedar, Guaiacum wood and Tonka bean. The bottle was designed by Fabian Baron and features a black top stamped with a seal made of wax.



**Stockist:** 1300 651 991

**RRP:** \$130.00 for 75 mL

**Website:** [www.lorealparis.com.au](http://www.lorealparis.com.au)

### 4-in-1 Beauty Bag - Designer Brands



DB Cosmetics brings to market this spacious cosmetic bag to hold all of your beauty needs with ease. This 4-in-1 set includes a large transparent case, a medium beauty bag and two mini pouches. With an

easy wipe-down fabric, this set is the perfect travel companion and will fit all your favourite full-sized products. Whether you are rushing between catwalk strutting, or shoot takes, or travelling to the great unknown, the Designer Brands **4-in-1 Beauty Bag** will cover all your glamour needs safely in one place. This new wipe-down fabric bag set is available in Sweet as Peach pink or Secret Garden black.

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