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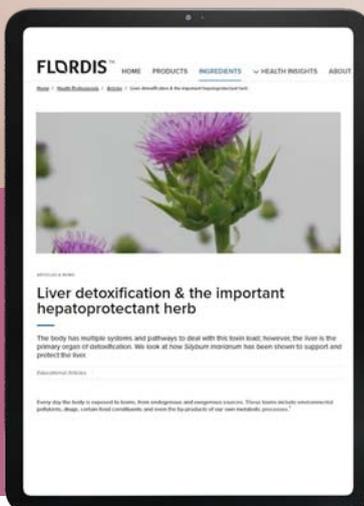
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## Today's issue of PD

*Pharmacy Daily* today features three pages of news, a front cover page from **Flordis** plus full pages from:

- **PharmX**
- **Sigma Healthcare**

## Liver support

**INTEGRATIVE** medicine specialist, Flordis' Legalon, uses a clinically trialled hepatoprotectant herb, extract of *Silybum marianum* - MZ 80 to support healthy liver function.

Legalon includes antioxidant properties which help to minimise free radical formation and damage body cells, reduces the occurrence of symptoms of indigestion, and relieves nausea.

See **cover page** for more information.

# Full scope key for patient care: Guild

**EMPOWERING** pharmacists to work to their full scope of practice, including authorising autonomous prescribing, will be crucial in boosting patient care, Pharmacy Guild of Australia National President, Trent Twomey, believes.

Speaking on the latest episode of Raven's Recruitment's *Your Pharmacy Career* podcast, Twomey said the scope of practice of Australian pharmacists was lagging behind other developed nations.

Twomey said Australian consumers were not experiencing the full range of care that pharmacists have the capacity to provide.

"We are medicines experts, but we can't do all of the things with medicines that are required to manage people's health," he said.

"We need to be able to prescribe, dispense, administer and review [medications], and we have the training to do all of those things,

but we can't do all of those things for all medicines, for all people.

"The big gaps in that continuum... are clearly in prescribing and administering."

Twomey anticipated that significant progress will be made in the coming years in expanding pharmacists' scope of practice to include prescribing and administering of medications, for disease prevention, acute conditions such as "uncomplicated urinary tract infections" and the management of chronic conditions.

"When it comes to chronic disease management, the folly of other bodies, when it comes to full scope of practice is they think that you can have this done disease state by disease state," he said.

"As health professionals we don't treat diseases, we treat people... [and] diseases don't exist in isolation - many people have comorbidities, so if I'm going



to be a solution, a healthcare destination to help people manage their chronic disease, we can't have a 'structured' or 'supervised' prescribing model that enables me to only practice under the supervision of another practitioner, or only treat one of these diseases.

"I need to be able to treat the whole individual, which is why the only solution to [health] system reform and full scope of practice for Australians is autonomous prescribing for pharmacists."

**CLICK HERE** to listen to the full episode.

## Suspected bandit released on bail

**WESTERN** Australian, Andrew James Thomas, who is facing aggravated armed robbery charges following a hold-up in a Rockingham pharmacy, has been granted bail.

The 60-year-old allegedly pulled out a knife and demanded opioid medications during a raid on Safety Bay Pharmacy on 17 Nov.

Under his bail conditions Thomas has been barred from going within 10 metres of the pharmacy.

## Franchise options

**PHARMACY** owners looking to join a franchise model that provides "everyday" support to deliver patient-centric care may find the right fit for them with Sigma Healthcare's Guardian Pharmacy.

Guardian franchisee, Ruth, from Mooloolah Valley, Queensland, says it is important to find a brand that aligns with your mission.

See **page five** for more.

## Pharmacies liable for US opioid crisis

**US PHARMACY** chains, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart, have contributed to the nation's opioid crisis, a Federal Court in Ohio ruled today.

With the three chains facing "thousands of similar lawsuits", *NPR* reported the decision was likely to resonate nationally.

Lawyers for the Ohio counties of Lake and Trumbull, who filed the case described the finding as a "milestone victory" in the effort

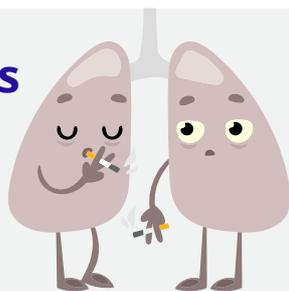
to hold companies accountable for the epidemic.

Both CVS and Walgreens have issued statements that they disagreed with the jury's verdict, with CVS protesting that pharmacists had been filling legal prescriptions to treat patients in need of pain relief.

A separate proceeding is now set to commence to determine damages, which could run into the billions of dollars.

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## COVAX booster pay needs bump

**PHARMACISTS** will need to be paid more than \$16 per patient if the Federal Government is serious about rolling out its COVID-19 booster program through the primary care sector, Labor MP, Steve Georganas, believes.

Speaking in the House of Representatives yesterday, the Adelaide-based politician flagged concerns that the rollout was being underfunded.

"Last week I met with pharmacists in my electorate and spoke to the Pharmacy Guild of Australia about the COVID vaccine rollout that pharmacists are now assisting with and the impact that this is having on pharmacists, as some of the core frontline workers responsible for COVID vaccinations," he said.

"One of the pharmacists I met with, which was at TerryWhite Chemmart in North Adelaide, was doing her part to save lives, working very hard in administering as many vaccines as possible.

"At the meeting there were some



serious concerns raised regarding current practices and requirements by the Department of Health, which imposed time-consuming procedures for the minimum amount of remuneration.

"Pharmacists only receive \$16 for the first vaccination. If they're lucky and the person goes back for their second vaccination, they'll get \$26.

"For the upcoming boosters they've been told they'll only be given \$16.

"This is an enormous amount of work.

"They're facing lots of pressure.

"If we're serious about rolling out the booster vaccinations, we should look at remunerating pharmacists accordingly.

"General practitioners currently receive anything from \$42 to \$74 for a vaccination.

"It's my understanding that the COVID vaccination distribution has proven to be excessively demanding.

"I've been told it is laborious and overwhelming, which is not reflected in a mere \$16."

## Corum sees revenue growth

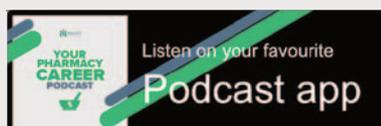
**STOCK** management and invoicing platform, PharmX, has played a key role in delivering Corum Group's first revenue uplift in more than five years, the company told investors at its annual general meeting (AGM) this morning.

In a statement to the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) the pharmacy software specialist reported a 26% increase in revenue for the 2021 financial year, with its underlying earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) of \$4.4 million, up 237% on FY20, "largely on the back of the contribution from the PharmX acquisition".

Corum CEO told the AGM that the company was focused on regaining market share and creating new revenue streams in 2022.



Listen to **Trent Twomey**, National President at Pharmacy Guild of Australia and Pharmacist Partner in a group of pharmacies in Tropical North Queensland discuss his career and insights in our latest episode.



## YOUR PHARMACY CAREER PODCAST



## Dispensary Corner

**PHARMACISTS** frequently face issues around medicines that look or sound alike, however, few are likely to confuse Apple AirPods for ibuprofen tablets.

While you may like to think that even without four years of university-based training and a year-long internship, members of the general public would not mix the two products up.

However, one TikTok user, @iamcarliib, has proven that little white earbuds can easily be inadvertently consumed instead of a small white ibuprofen tablet, when you are seeking painrelief.

"I was crawling into bed," she said.

"I had [an] ibuprofen 800 in my right hand and I had my left AirPods in my left hand.

"I threw something back, took my water bottle and took a sip... then realised it wasn't the ibuprofen."

Having swallowed the earbud, the woman tried - unsuccessfully - to "puke" it back up, but had to wait for nature to take its course before recovering the device.

While the experience may not have delivered the relief she was seeking, it proved the robustness of the Apple product, which maintained a connection with her phone as it made its way through the digestive system, much to the disgust of a friend who received a voicemail which included gurgling sounds recorded from inside the woman's gut.

Dispensary Corner will be sticking with wired headphones after that.

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