

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features two pages of news plus a full page from Flo.

So long hay fever

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NAPSA honour

FORMER National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association (NAPSA) Executive Director, Juliet Contreras, has been awarded Honorary Life Membership of the organisation for her "unparalleled commitment and dedication to the future of the profession".

NAPSA President, Verity Boustead said Contreras's contributions to the association would benefit students for years to come.

Moderna activation based on AZ use

PHARMACY owners will learn if their stores are among the first 1,200 to be activated to administer the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine within the next two days.

Speaking during a Pharmacy Guild of Australia webinar last night, the organisation's National President, Trent Twomey, confirmed the rollout of the mRNA vaccine will commence next week, with the first of three activation groups (PD 08 Sep).

"It's the vaccine we've all been waiting for," he said.

"Tranche one deliveries are happening next week.

"If you are part of tranche one you will be receiving communication from the Pharmacy Programs Administrator (PPA) in the next 24 to 48 hours, to confirm if you are in tranche one.

"If you do not hear anything in the next couple of days please don't fret, you'll be part of tranche two or three.

"The way the Government has selected which pharmacies are



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in which tranche is simply based on data that you have already put through with the AstraZeneca program.

"So those pharmacies that have already had a high level of demand will be prioritised first, but I can assure you that all states and territories are represented in all three tranches."

Twomey told the webinar that the full activation program was set to be completed by 02 Oct.

The Guild President confirmed that an updated Moderna COVID-19 vaccination training module will be added to the Australian College of Nursing's COVID-19 platform on Fri.

Twomey urged pharmacists working in tranche one stores to "hop on and do it" as soon as the module is updated.

He added that while the majority of jurisdictions had already implemented regulations to enable pharmacists to administer COVID-19 vaccines in line with



Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) approvals, the Guild was working with the offices of the various Premiers and the Prime Minister, to ensure pharmacists across the country can administer the shot to patients aged 12 years and older.

"By the time the Moderna vaccine arrives in your pharmacies you will be able to administer it for whatever patient cohort is approved by the TGA," he said.

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COVID-19 PBS measures extended

EMERGENCY measures designed to ensure patients retain access to medicines listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) will remain in place until at least 31 Dec.

Pharmacy Guild of Australia National President, Trent Twomey, noted during last night's COVID-19 update webinar, that the measures relating to digital image prescriptions, expanded Continued Dispensing, free home medicines delivery and the prescription signature exemption were all due to expire at the end of this month. "All of these things will continue until 31 Dec - none of them will be expiring in two weeks as they

initially would have," he said. "That will make a huge difference."

Twomey also confirmed that the grace period for honouring prescriptions for eligible patients through the Closing the Gap (CTG) PBS Relief Program will expire on 30 Sep (PD 12 Jul).

While pharmacies will continue to receive payments through the PBS even if they encounter PBS Online code 810 warnings when patients present with a CTG script, Twomey urged pharmacists to be proactive in communicating with prescribers to register Indigenous patients onto the program correctly.

"For the next couple of weeks you



will still be paid, but on 01 Oct that will be rejected and you will have to explain on the frontline to that Indigenous person why they are not getting it for free," he said.

"Please don't ignore those warnings just because you're getting paid.

"Please make sure you reach out and make sure that the prescriber does the right thing and properly registers them."

TGA issues Caro white warning

AUSTRALIANS are being urged not to use five Caro White and Carotone branded products, noting they pose a health risk.

An analysis conducted by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) found they contained higher than declared levels of hydroquinone.

CLICK HERE for more.



Dispensary Corner

FRUSTRATED by the recent spate of unsolicited text messages authorised by Federal MP, Craig Kelly?

Well it appears the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) is too.

While politicians and charities are exempt from both the Do Not Call Register and the *Spam Act 2003*, the medicines regulator told *Triple J* it was seeking legal advice over a potential copyright infringement and a possible breach of the *Criminal Code Act 2003*.

The issues relate to a website with out-of-context COVID-19 vaccination adverse event data from the TGA which was linked to in a message sent by the United Australia Party (UAP), which said it was approved by Kelly.

The Criminal Code Act prohibits the false representation of a Commonwealth body, such as the TGA, with those found guilty of breaching the Act facing up to two years imprisonment.

Tuesday 10:04 am
Australian Government's COVID-19 Vaccines Adverse Events Report. click link [Uaptga.info](#) Authorised by Craig Kelly.

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