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## Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features three pages of news plus a full page from TerryWhite Chemmart.

## SSSI update

THE Health Department has confirmed that from 18 Sep the substitution of isosorbide mononitrate tablet 120mg (sustained release) with isosorbide mononitrate tablet 60 mg (sustained release) will be subsidised by the PBS.

The substitution must be in accordance with the Serious Scarcity Substitution Instrument (SSSI) issued by the TGA, with the full list of SSSI-eligible medicines available now at [pbs.gov.au](http://pbs.gov.au).

## Trusty TWC

TERRYWHITE Chemmart (TWC) is today highlighting its pillar of creating trust in local communities, showcasing its 2021 Pharmacist of the Year, Emma Conway from TWC Goondowindi Qld - see page 4.

# Pharmacies to monitor Moderna jabs

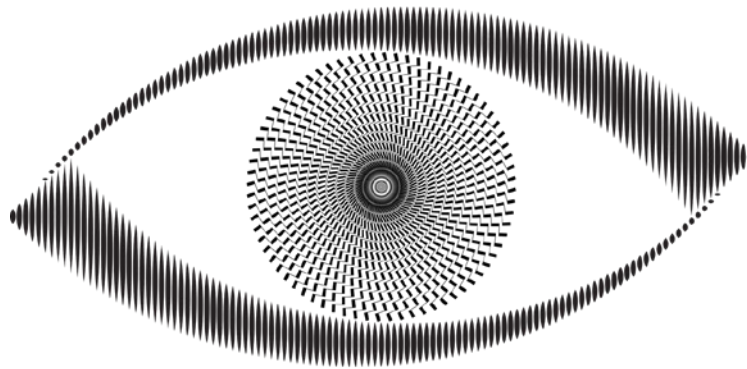
MEDADVISOR is partnering with the University of Western Australia to monitor potential adverse events following vaccination with the Moderna Spikevax vaccine, with about 100 pharmacies to participate in the program.

Hailed as the "first pharmacist-led vaccine pharmacovigilance system," the platform will deliver real-time monitoring of events to provide critical safety data on the Moderna vaccine as it rolls out in Australia.

Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) Chair of the Contemporary Community Pharmacy Practice Community of Special Interest, Dr Fei Sim, said the pharmacy-based system would allow government and industry to better monitor and respond to any adverse effect signals from the Moderna vaccine.

"As a practising pharmacist immuniser and pharmacy owner, I am very pleased that such a system has been developed, and that this is the first system to be implemented by pharmacists," Dr Sim said.

The system sees patients who have received the Moderna vaccine actively followed up in the ensuing days, with Sim adding that it would



ensure pharmacists and their patients are equipped with the most accurate, reliable and up-to-date safety information, and will play a significant role in addressing any remaining community vaccination hesitancy.

"Where other pharmacovigilance systems - such as those used for the AstraZeneca and Pfizer vaccines - have largely been implemented by General Practice and vaccination hubs, this is the first system to be solely implemented by pharmacists.

"This reinforces the crucial role that pharmacists play as part of Australia's immunisation workforce, and as custodians of medicine safety," Dr Sim added.

She noted that the system would

feed information into Australia's national vaccine safety surveillance program, AusVaxSafety.

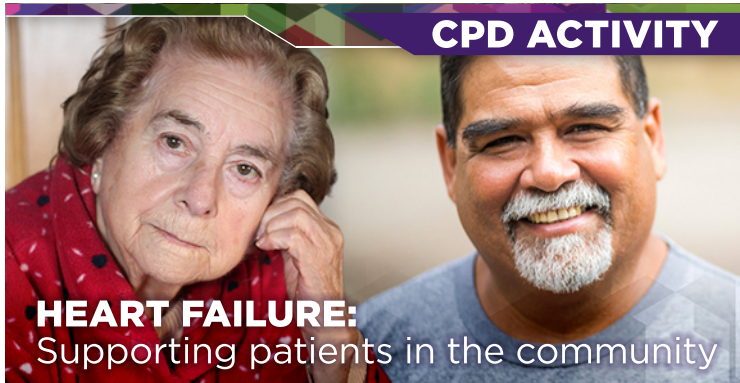
Federal Health Minister Greg Hunt confirmed on Sat that the first consignment of Moderna COVID-19 vaccines had arrived in Australia.

"We expect that these doses will be distributed to more than 1,800 community pharmacies across the country and put into the arms of Australians in the next week.

"A further 1,800 community pharmacies across the country will start to receive doses the week commencing 27 Sep," he added.

Australia has an advance purchase agreement with Moderna to secure 25 million doses of Spikevax - 10m this year and 15m in 2022.

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## Roche joins Blackmores

**FORMER** Australian Pharmaceutical Industries CEO Stephen Roche was today named as a new Director of Blackmores Limited, along with Erica Mann, whose most recent executive role was as Head of Bayer's Global Consumer Health Division.

Blackmores Chair Anne Templeman-Jones said the appointments were effective immediately, with the pair to be eligible for election at the upcoming 2021 Blackmores Annual General Meeting which is scheduled for 27 Oct.

"We are delighted to welcome both Erica and Stephen to Blackmores," she said.

"We look forward to them contributing their deep experience in natural health, the complementary medicine and pharmaceutical industries and the consumer healthcare market, to the Board and to Blackmores.

"Today's announcement represents a key milestone in Blackmores board renewal process which commenced in Oct 2020."

Templeman-Jones became the company's Chair 12 months ago, following the milestone departure of former Executive Chairman Marcus Blackmore (PD 26 Oct 2020) who stepped down but remains a significant shareholder in the business.

Templeman-Jones said the Blackmores Board "now has the required skills and experience to fully support the execution of our transformation strategy, drive business performance and continue to create value for all shareholders".

Roche, who is currently MD of Bridgestone Australia and NZ, was MD of API for 11 years, stepping down about four and a half years ago (TD 06 Oct 2016).

He's also held senior executive roles at Mayne and Faulding, and is a non-executive director of Myer Family Investments, Baby Bunting and Adelaide Football Club.

Mann "brings significant expertise and understanding of complementary medicines and naturopathic principles," Blackmores said, noting her experience as as Chair of the World Self-Medication Industry while she headed up Bayer Consumer Health.

She was also formerly MD ANZ for Wyeth and President of Pfizer Nutrition, and is now a non-executive director of Kellogg, Perrigo and Koninklijke.

Mann has also held executive positions on the boards of the South African Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association, Medicines Australia and the International Association of Infant Food Manufacturers.

## PSNZ push for pharmacy expansion

**THE** Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand (PSNZ) is calling on the Kiwi Government to ensure a wider range of healthcare services are available at local pharmacies.

PSNZ President, Professor Rhiannon Braund, said World Pharmacists Day later this week was an opportunity to better recognise pharmacy's role.

"Enabling innovative pharmacy practice and effectively utilising pharmacists' skills would improve health outcomes in New Zealand," she said.

"Making it possible for patients to access healthcare services through pharmacists, as well as GPs, is one way of removing barriers to accessing healthcare, particularly for high-risk populations," Braund said.

"Pharmacists are the health professionals people see most

often - in most communities they are the first place that people go to for health advice, particularly regarding common ailments."

She said areas where pharmacists could be taking a wider role included increasing vaccination access, women's health, warfarin monitoring, gout management and screening services such as throat swabbing for prevention of rheumatic fever.

"Improving access to healthcare services in the community is the first and most important step to preventing patients ending up in hospital later on.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted that community pharmacy is an integral part of the healthcare system, that can provide flexible solutions to New Zealand's unprecedented healthcare challenges," the PSNZ President added.

## DDS launches excellence program

**SIGMA** Healthcare's Discount Drug Stores (DDS) brand this morning launched its new 12-week Dispensary Excellence Program, allowing teams in stores across the country to learn new skills to improve patient health and business outcomes.

The program has been designed specifically for DDS pharmacists, with DDS Head Patrick Stoll saying the brand was looking forward to seeing some "really positive results" from the scheme.

"At Discount Drug Stores, we know that effective leadership and efficient practices is what helps to build a profitable business, so the program is a really important part of our commitment to supporting our franchise partners in growing their pharmacies," Stoll said.

DDS has also flagged further initiatives to develop its pharmacy teams, incl the launch of new partnership programs to be announced later this year.

## Win with Wondershield

Wondershield and Pharmacy Daily are this week giving away a Wondershield's Wonderpods starter kit.

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## Dispensary Corner

**VACCINE** passports may be necessary for future travel - but not if you want to holiday at a resort in Wales which is only open to unvaccinated people.

The Blaeneinion Eco-Resort has banned all guests who have had COVID jabs, and this week hailed the success of its anti-vax stance which has seen it fully booked for weeks.

The property is located near Machynlleth in West Wales, and is described as "an idyllic secluded conservation project set in 75 acres of land at the head of the Artists Valley".

The Blaeneinion website notes that "with great sadness we have made the decision that we will be unable to welcome folk on site that are 'vaccinated' with the experimental CV19 jab".

Owner Sharon Girardi claimed that "significant reports are emerging of effects on unvaccinated people simply spending time around the 'vaccinated'" such as nosebleeds, severe bleeding, swollen testicles and "the death of pets that have been in contact with the 'vaccinated'".

She says she's prepared to close the resort rather than welcome anyone with a jab.

The controversial stance has aroused significant reactions from her neighbours, one of whom was quoted by the *Daily Mail* as saying "she's done some good things but banning holidaymakers is madness.

"She's discriminating against people who have done the right thing by having the vaccine to stop the spread of coronavirus."

## Priceline names top stores



**PRICELINE** Pharmacy Thompson Parkway in Vic has been announced as the brand's Store of the Year for 2020, with top achievers over the last 12 months named during an online awards ceremony on 15 Sep emceed by Priceline Ambassador Chrissie Swan featuring a live Samantha Jade performance.

Priceline Pharmacy GM Andrew Vidler said the award recognised the pharmacy's commercial results, exceptional customer service and participation in brand programs, including its strong support for the Priceline Sisterhood Foundation charity initiative.

"Franchise partner Michelle Christopher and her team (pictured) pride themselves on providing a warm and supportive environment for the community... it's a store where staff know their customers and genuinely care for their lives," Vidler said.

"In what has been another really challenging year, our frontline Priceline workers have been there for their communities and helped to keep them safe.

"We couldn't be prouder of the

Store of the Year winner - the Thompson Parkway team are a constant source of strength, leadership and motivation."

Other top achievers for 2020 included Suz Forrester from Priceline Pharmacy Woonona in NSW, who took out the national Retail Manager of the Year award.

Paul Clarke from Priceline Pharmacy Lakelands, WA was awarded Pharmacist of the Year for Priceline, highlighting his strong background in community pharmacy and the holistic experience created for customers.

The inaugural Priceline Beauty Advisor of the Year award went to Gloria Perez from Priceline Pharmacy Carnes Hill in NSW, whose makeup skills and product knowledge have seen her become a fixture on Priceline social media channels and in the press.

Other finalists for the group's Store of the Year in 2020 included Priceline Pharmacy Spencer Park WA; Priceline Pharmacy Port Lincoln SA; Priceline Pharmacy Yass NSW; and Priceline Pharmacy Fairfield Central Qld.



## Weekly Comment

Welcome to Pharmacy Daily's weekly comment feature. This week's contributor is

**Emma Conway,**  
2021 Pharmacist of the Year Finalist, TerryWhite Chemmart Goondiwindi, QLD



### Caring for our patients is a privilege

**EACH** and every day, I go to work and get the opportunity to make a difference in a person's life. This is an honour that I do not take for granted.

Throughout my time in pharmacy, one of the most important lessons I have learnt is that caring for patients is a privilege and that each act of kindness has a significant impact on a person's health journey.

Being an accessible health professional, we are in a unique position. We can guide our patients, advocate for their care and shape the way that our community receives its healthcare.

It sounds an insurmountable task when we grandstand the notion that we change people's lives, but pharmacists do. I think the emphasis needs to be that comprehensive and cohesive patient care doesn't need to be revolutionary, just consistent.

Being the consistent source of reliable health information. Being the consistent experts in medication and care. Being the consistent source of vaccinations and treatment of common ailments. Being consistent in our availability.

The value of consistently caring about our patients is the pharmacist's secret weapon.

#WPD2021



## Emma Conway

TerryWhite Chemmart Goondiwindi QLD

**TerryWhite Chemmart Pharmacist  
of the Year 2021 Winner**

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