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## Aged care to provide opportunities

**MORE** than 1,200 full-time equivalent (FTE) pharmacists are likely to be embedded in aged care facilities over the next three to four years, Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) National Vice President, Dr Shane Jackson, believes.

Speaking at the PSA's national conference last month, Jackson said the profession would need to take a flexible approach to designing models to implement embedded pharmacists, to ensure facilities "can engage the best provider for whatever they need, and that that's matched to whoever the practitioner is".

"There are some aged care facilities out there who want to be able to directly employ a pharmacist," he said.

"There are some pharmacists out there that want to be directly employed, [and] there's also a lot

of pharmacists who don't want a direct employment model... they want to be employed by a community pharmacy."

Jackson told delegates that the program was likely to require 1,200 to 1,500 FTEs once it is fully implemented in the next three to four years.

"We're not saying that we're going to pour 1,200 people out of the hospital, out of community pharmacy, [or] consultant pharmacy on 01 Jan 2023," he said.

"I don't think anyone's expecting that - I think what we're expecting is a phased implementation over a three- to four-year period.

"Over time, I expect we're looking at 1,000-plus FTEs in aged care, which when you look at it in terms of bodies, is probably 2,000 or more people working in residential aged care.

"That's a third branch of the



workforce, and it creates a really attractive option for people to be able to continue to work in general practice and aged care, or community pharmacy and aged care.

"From an employer or group's perspective this is a great opportunity to expand the workforce, to develop teams, to have a mentorship structure and actually to attract the best and brightest talent.

"It's a great opportunity and I think we should all think about how we can do it, and how we can do it well."

## More US formula

THE US Food and Drug Administration has sourced 37,500 cans of infant formula from Nestle in the Netherlands, as part of ongoing measures to mitigate shortages.

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## Illegal 'hayfever jab' ads taken down

REGULATORS in the UK have warned any organisation offering injections to mitigate hayfever to stop advertising it on social media or websites.

The issue relates to Kenalog (triamcinolone acetonide), a prescription-only steroid medicine which is not licensed for the treatment of hayfever in the UK.

However "it is offered by some beauty and aesthetics clinics, under the personal responsibility of an individual prescriber, and

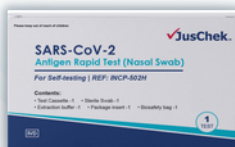
advertised widely on social media," the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency noted.

A joint enforcement notice issued with the UK Committees of Advertising Practice has warned advertisers to ensure all references to Kenalog in the text, images or emojis on social media are removed, along with testimonials, memes and commonly-used descriptive phrases such as "hayfever jab" or "hayfever injection".

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Pharmacy Daily today features three pages of news.

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## Dispensary Corner

**INTERNET** video-sharing site YouTube has removed a “do-it-yourself rhinoplasty video” after a man was hospitalised due to giving himself a nose job.

The Brazilian man attended an emergency department in Sao Paulo last month, requiring treatment for a facial wound which was cleaned and dressed.

He was then referred to an on-site mental health team as well as a maxillofacial surgeon for longer term care.

News website *G1* cited interviews with several doctors who said “homemade techniques to thin the nose, in addition to being ineffective, can worsen the appearance and cause serious complications such as necrosis, infections, nasal obstruction and anaphylactic shock”.

The patient who was treated reportedly told medicos he used a veterinary anaesthetic to perform the procedure, closing the suture with “absorbable thread and super-bonder”.

YouTube Brazil said that all content was required to follow its Community Guidelines.

“We do not allow material that encourages dangerous activities with a risk of serious injury or death,” relying on “a combination of smart systems, human reviewers and whistleblowers” to identify suspicious content.

## Service funding needs boost in 8CPA

**SECURING** greater funding for professional services in the Eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement (8CPA) will be a key goal for the Pharmacy Guild of Australia.

Speaking at the Guild Western Australian Branch’s Pharmacy Forum last week, the Chair of the Guild’s Health Economics and Policy Committee Chair and 8CPA negotiating team lead, Anthony Tassone, outlined plans to make full scope of practice a reality.

He said that if community pharmacy is to be a key provider of public health programs under the 8CPA, greater remuneration for pharmacy services will be critical.

Guild WA Branch President, Andrew Ngeow, also stressed the need for pharmacists to be empowered to provide more services to their communities.

“There is no doubt that community pharmacy is an



accessible, tertiary-trained workforce, with skills and knowledge that is being underutilised,” he said.

“At a time when there is a significant workforce shortage, and problems with the broader health system, to have the scope of practice restricted simply due to the regulatory framework we are practising in, makes no sense at all.

“Community pharmacy has an extensive track record of safe and

cost-effective service delivery, which can be replicated across a greater range of services.

“Pharmacy’s success in administering vaccines can and must be replicated to include additional services through pharmacists working at their full scope of practice.”

WA Premier, Mark McGowan, also addressed the Forum reaffirming his commitment to expand pharmacy services.

## Minett's Pharmacy transitions to CDC

**MINETT'S** pharmacy in Chester Hill, NSW, has become the fifth store to join the Chemist Discount Centre (CDC) group this year.

The pharmacy has been serving the community for more than 60 years, under the Minett’s banner.

The store’s owner, Tracy Alexakis, said that staying true to focusing on the community’s needs would continue to be the first priority for the rebranded CDC Chester Hill pharmacy.

Alexakis said the team was focused on ensuring that every member of the community has



access to healthcare services including medication reviews, immunisation services, weekly medication packing, and more.

The CDC group said its discount model would ensure the store was able to continue to provide accessible healthcare support by offering quality products and services at affordable prices.

## Colloquium 2022

**THE** Australian Pharmacy Council and Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council have officially launched the program for the Interprofessional Colloquium 2022 conference.

The event which takes place on 08 Sep in Sydney, will focus on transforming the curriculum to produce resilient health professionals who can lead change in response to the needs of Australian communities.

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### Weekly Comment

Welcome to Pharmacy Daily's weekly comment feature. This week's contributor is **Amit Saha, MPS** Group Technical Manager, LaCorium Health.



### Postpartum hair loss

**MANY** new mums see noticeable hair loss a few months after giving birth.

Dermatologists refer to this condition as excessive hair shedding or Telogen Effluvium.

Losing hair after having a baby is a very normal symptom of hormonal changes in the body, specifically falling estrogen levels.

There is no timeframe as to when postpartum hair loss can set in, and while most of the time hair loss will spontaneously normalize, the time to recovery also varies.

Anything from three to six months and occasionally up to a year is all within expected norms.

Generally, this type of hair fall doesn't need any intervention, and simple tips like avoiding over styling, eating a balanced diet or taking vitamin supplements as needed as well as using a volumizing shampoo would help to manage the thinning hair.

There are also some new hair growth stimulating products on the market that help minimise hair loss by providing all the hair nutrients and stimulating hair growth by limiting the telogen phase of the hair growth cycle.

Such innovative approaches may be beneficial in helping your customers to manage their postpartum hair loss.

## US jury backs right not to dispense

A US pharmacist did not discriminate against a woman by refusing to dispense the emergency contraceptive pill (ECP) due to "personal reasons", a jury has ruled.

Lawyers for pharmacist and pastor, George Badeaux, welcomed the decision on Fri, saying "medical professionals should be free to practice their professions in line with their beliefs".

Plaintiff, Andrea Anderson, who launched a civil case against Badeaux and his employer, McGregor Thrifty White Pharmacy, in 2019, after she was forced to make a 100 mile round trip during a snow storm to access the ECP.

The mother of five, from the rural Minnesota town of McGregor, had sought access to the ECP after a condom broke during intercourse, *NBC News* reported.

The jury was told that Badeaux said that dispensing the medication would violate his "beliefs" and warned Anderson against going to a neighbouring town to have the prescription filled, but declined to



tell her where she might be able to gain access to the ECP.

Lawyers for the St Paul-based Gender Justice, group who represented Anderson, pledged to appeal the decision.

"To be clear, the law in Minnesota prohibits sex discrimination and that includes refusing to fill prescriptions for emergency contraception," Gender Justice Legal Director, Jess Braverman said.

"The jury was not deciding on what the law is, they were deciding the facts of what happened here in this particular case.

"We will appeal this decision and won't stop fighting until

Minnesotans can get the healthcare they need without the interference of providers putting their own personal beliefs ahead of their legal and ethical obligations to their patients."

While the jury backed Badeaux's right to refuse to dispense the ECP, because of his beliefs, it found that Anderson should be entitled to damages of more than \$36,000 for the emotional damage caused by the decision.



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