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CHARITY Hearts4heart revealed that more than four million Aussies are unaware of the comorbidities that can increase the risk of various heart issues.

During Heart Failure Week (24-30 Jun), the charity's latest research found that only one in three know of the link between kidney disease, diabetes type 2, nutritional deficiencies and heart disease.

Grab internships at PCS24

EXCLUSIVE

THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia's National President Trent Twomey (pictured) will provide insights into the evolving landscape of the sector's future at the Pharmacy Careers Summit 2024 (PCS24).

Twomey told *Pharmacy Daily* that for attendees looking to secure a pharmacy internship, this is the event to attend, "as almost every pharmacy banner group in the industry will be advertising their intern positions at PCS24".

He mentioned that today Australians can ask their pharmacist for more things than they have ever been able to before.

"What we're doing today is far more than what we were doing 20 years ago, and I know the next two decades are going to be just as exciting as we move to full scope," he commented.

Twomey added he holds a 'soft spot' for emerging and early career pharmacists, remembering what it was like as he started out in his own career.

"I remember my own journey as I started out in pharmacy, but early career pharmacists today are faced with challenges unique to this moment in time.

"There's a lot to learn on this new frontier of pharmacy and I encourage all of you to sign up to attend the summit.



"After all, you never know where the connections you make today will lead you, tomorrow," he said.

Twomey will also present on the newly signed 8CPA (PD 03 Jul) as it is a "significant evolution for the future of our businesses and more importantly, for shaping the future of care of Australian patients".

"I'm excited to speak with our next generation of pharmacists, because they will reap many of the long-term benefits of this new agreement as they move into the workforce and pharmacy ownership," he remarked.

The Guild will be presenting sessions on the future of pharmacy with the Leaders Panel, exploring new horizons, and discovering pathways for internationally-qualified pharmacists considering a career in Australia.

Presented by Raven's Recruitment and *Pharmacy Daily*, the second PCS24 will be held on 05 Jul.

The free, virtual event with 3.5 CPD points on offer is an opportunity to network and learn from industry leaders.

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Dispensary Corner

CHIMPANZEES are turning out to be natural pharmacists.

A study by Elodie Freymann from the University of Oxford, published in *PLOS ONE*, revealed that these clever apes munch on medicinal plants to treat their ailments.

The researchers observed 51 chimps in Uganda's Budongo Central Forest Reserve, noting their health and diet.

Turns out, 88% of the plant extracts the chimpanzees consumed could stop bacterial growth, and 33% had anti-inflammatory properties.

One injured chimp even nibbled on fern leaves, likely easing his pain and swelling.

Another with a parasitic infection chowed down on cat-thorn bark.

This revelation shows chimps aren't just randomly snacking, they're self-medicating.

The findings could inspire new medicines for us humans.

So, next time you're on a safari, take a leaf out of a chimp's book - you might just discover the next big cure.

BOT likely to raise \$70m

BOTANIX (BOT) has received firm commitments from several investors to raise \$70 million capital to fund the launch of hyperhidrosis drug Sofdra in the US, stated the company on Fri on the ASX.

Botanix Executive Chairman Vince Ippolito said, "we are extremely pleased to announce this significant placement, following on from the successful approval of Sofdra by the FDA last week".

"We are grateful to our loyal base of shareholders for supporting us through the approval of Sofdra and we welcome our new institutional investors, as we enter this exciting commercial phase."

The \$70m gross proceeds, also called the placement, will fund sales force and marketing infrastructure, the telemedicine platform, as well as costs of manufacturing, new quality assurance, pharmacovigilance, support services, working capital and expenses of the share offer.

The capital raise will be done via an institutional placement for 233,333,334 new ordinary shares.

Sofdra is a prescription medicine used to treat primary axillary hyperhidrosis (excessive underarm sweating) in adults and children nine years and older (**PD** 16 Apr).



Hyperhidrosis is the third largest dermatology condition, after acne and atopic dermatitis, with approximately 10 million patients in the US suffering from it.

The medicine is the first and only new chemical entity approved by the FDA to treat this condition, and presents an effective solution for patients who have lacked treatment options for this socially challenging medical condition, stated Botanix.

The manufacturing and labelling of the Sofdra medication will likely take approximately four to five weeks to complete.

The product will be then shipped to Botanix's warehouse for distribution to US pharmacies to support its early patient experience program.

The placement is expected to settle on 27 Jun as per the ASX listing rule at an issue price of \$0.30 per new share.

Botanix expects to receive first revenues from sales in Q4 in this calendar year. **JG**

Volunteer award

The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) and Pharmaceutical Defence Limited (PDL) have launched the National Conference Volunteer Program, offering pharmacy students the chance to engage and network.

As part of the initiative, one standout student volunteer will be honoured at PSA2024, with the PDL and PSA Conference Volunteer of the Year award, which offers a \$500 education grant.

PSA National President Fei Sim praised the partnership, emphasising the invaluable contributions of student volunteers at conferences.

"Our student volunteers make a huge difference," commented Sim.

"We are proud to offer them a tailored program, including an interactive session with PDL."

PDL Chair Paul Naismith added, "student volunteers are key to running conferences, and we look forward to awarding an outstanding volunteer at PSA24".

Nominations will be accepted during the conference, with the award presented on 04 Aug.

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