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Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features three pages of the latest news, plus a front cover wrap from the **Raven's Recruitment Pharmacy Careers Summit**.

APP2025 wrap

THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia has thanked the 7,500 attendees who contributed to making this year's event "an unforgettable experience" - and officially the largest APP conference to date.

"We wanted attendees to leave APP2025 feeling empowered and ready to unlock their opportunities, and I believe we achieved that," reflected convenor Kos Sclavos, adding that he is keen to see how learnings will be transformed into actions that will benefit patients and the broader pharmacy industry.

FIP launches AI toolkit for pharmacy

A **NEW** artificial intelligence (AI) toolkit for pharmacy has been launched by the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP), giving pharmacists a comprehensive, practical guide to integrating the tech into practice.

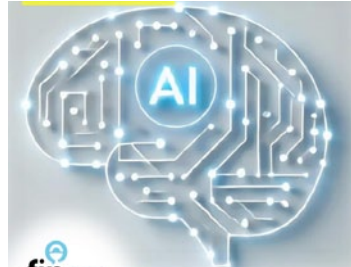
Developed by the FIP Technology Advisory Group and its Working Group on AI, the toolkit offers structured guidance on AI adoption, covering ethical considerations, implementation strategies, regulatory compliance, and real-world applications to help pharmacists optimise patient care and enhance operational efficiency.

"Pharmacists are eager to embrace AI, but many don't know where to begin," said Dr Whitley Yi, Chair of the AI Working Group.

"This toolkit bridges that gap by offering a clear implementation guide," Dr Yi continued.

"Our goal is to make this transformative technology both accessible and actionable."

The toolkit also addresses key



challenges such as variability in clinical guidelines, data privacy concerns, and commercial pressures, while providing actionable strategies, including continuous professional development, regulatory advancements, and digital tools.

By leveraging AI, pharmacists can personalise treatments, support clinical decision-making, and improve access to pharmaceutical care globally, FIP noted.

MEANWHILE, AI technology currently widely used by GPs is AI-based clinical note taking, and with expanding scope of practice, it could be a boon to pharmacists.

In the digital health session at APP2025, Paul Naismith from the Fred IT Group described AI scribe as "the hottest growing item in digital health at the moment".

The team demonstrated the technology in action on its stand, where a patient consultation about UTIs was summarised into notes.

"Those sort of things are coming, and apart from permission from the patient, they don't require all this complicated approval," Naismith pointed out. *KB*

Careers summit

WITH APP2025 now wrapped up and PSA25 on the horizon in Aug, attention now turns to the next key event on the pharmacy calendar - the Pharmacy Careers Summit (PCS25), going live and virtual on Fri 04 Jul.

See the **cover page** for more, and an editorial on **page two**.

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PSA25: Call for abstracts

The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA), in partnership with the Australian Pharmaceutical Science Association (APSA), has invited pharmacists, researchers and healthcare professionals to submit abstracts for the research stream at the PSA25 pharmacy education conference.



PSA25 brings together thought leaders, experts and frontline pharmacists to explore innovations, emerging trends and advancements shaping the future of pharmacy practice.

Abstracts are invited on original research that pushes the boundaries of pharmaceutical science; and practical experiences, case studies or innovative approaches that have proven effective in your practice.

PSA National President Associate Professor Fei Sim encouraged pharmacists from all areas of practice to share their insights and contribute to the profession's knowledge base.

"PSA25 is an opportunity for pharmacists to not only showcase the latest advancements in pharmaceutical sciences, but also highlight innovative pharmacy practice across our profession," A/Prof Sim said.

"Whether it's ground-breaking research or innovative practice pearls, your contribution is crucial in establishing evidence-based foundations for the evolving role of pharmacists," she added.

In collaboration with APSA, PSA offers advice and assistance to authors in the preparation of their abstracts, subsequent posters and oral presentations, with people unsure of where to start encouraged to get in touch.

APSA President Lisa Kalisch Ellett encouraged pharmacists from all areas of practice to submit.

"This year, we especially encourage practising pharmacists and people who don't see themselves as 'traditional researchers' to submit an abstract.

"There is a category of abstract submissions called 'Practice Pearls' that is perfect for describing solutions to pharmacy practice challenges that have been developed and implemented in pharmacies," said Kalisch Ellett.

Accepted abstracts may be presented as oral presentations or poster displays at PSA25.

PSA25 takes place between 01-03 Aug 2025 in Sydney, and abstract submissions close on 06 Jun 2025.

For more information click [HERE](#).

Pharmacy Careers Summit live and virtual

NOW recognised as Australia's number one career event for pharmacists, PCS25 continues to grow year-on-year, with 2025's edition featuring exciting new additions across both the virtual exhibition hall and conference program.

Community pharmacy will be strongly represented, with Independent Pharmacies Australia and Chemist Warehouse joining the lineup for the first time.

TerryWhite Chemmart, Priceline Pharmacy, Discount Drug Stores, Amcal and Slade Pharmacy are among the returning exhibitors, which also feature in the live virtual auditorium program.

Hospital pharmacy continues to feature prominently, with Ramsay Health Care, Slade Pharmacy and HPS showcasing career pathways, current vacancies, and employment insights for pharmacists at all

stages of their career.

"It's an exciting opportunity that's being supported by all the major organisations in our industry to champion the careers and employment pathways available to pharmacists across Australia," said Heidi Dariz, GM of Raven's Recruitment.

"It's free and virtual, so attending is easy - and everything is purpose-built to ensure the sessions and exhibitors are directly aligned to career-related outcomes," she added.

There will be some great prizes and competitions, and of course being virtual, you can achieve all your networking without needing to travel to a physical location.

The one-day online event on 04 Jul is designed to deliver real value, whether you are a student, an intern, a newly registered pharmacist, or an experienced professional exploring what comes next.

Learn more about PCS25 [HERE](#).

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Dispensary Corner

WHEN it comes to health, there are many things about getting older that aren't much fun.

But some small consolation may be that hangovers apparently become less diabolical with age, according to Dutch research.

Scientists from Utrecht University found that heavy drinkers aged 18-35 reported experiencing the most severe symptoms the morning after, while those aged 46-65 rated their post-alcohol headache, nausea and exhaustion as half as intense as younger drinkers.

These findings fly in the face of evidence from previous studies - and perhaps lived experience - suggesting that hangovers feel worse as we get older.

But the Dutch team said their findings not only show that hangover severity and frequency declines with age, but people also feel the effects of alcohol less - despite drinking the same amount of booze.

The study included 760 alcohol drinkers aged 18 to 94 who recorded their alcohol consumption over two months, including quantity and frequency, as well as the number and severity of hangovers.

Participants were matched across age groups based on the amount of alcohol consumed, and hangover data was compared.

Without wishing to encourage excessive consumption, what they found was that with increasing age and alcohol use, 'tolerance' develops to its acute effects, with an age-related reduction in pain sensitivity potentially also contributing.

Your visible, accessible AED could save a life

HEART of the Nation founder and CEO, Greg Page, has urged pharmacists to take action against cardiac arrest by installing an automated external defibrillator (AED) outside their pharmacy.

"There are more than 30,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests every year in Australia, and only one in 20 people survive," he told delegates at APP2025.

When resuscitation is attempted, survival increases to 10%, he said, "but overall, survival from cardiac arrest is very low".

Cardiac arrest usually manifests as an electrical problem with the heart, and the shock delivered by the AED can reset the heart's electrical system and get it going again.

Better known as the original yellow Wiggle, Page famously collapsed at the end of a Wiggles show, and was helped by audience members and crew who saved his life - thanks to an AED at the venue.

"Two shocks from the AED restarted my heart, just as the paramedics were walking into the room," he said.

He is keen to make AEDs more available and accessible in the community, ideally one within 200 metres of every home, to help make a difference to survival rates.

"Time matters," he said, pointing out there is a 10% decrease in survival for every minute that goes by without somebody doing CPR and using an AED.

As a first step, if you already have an AED, you can register it with Heart of the Nation so people can find it on the app.

There are several different AED location apps and they do not have the same data, but that is something Heart of the Nation is trying to change by lobbying for a

national register.

Page then pointed out that most AEDs are locked inside buildings - including pharmacies - after hours, whereas cardiac arrests can occur at any time of day.

As a second step, Page urged pharmacists to consider installing their AED outside, making it available 24/7 - like the one outside *Pharmacy Daily* (pictured).

Heart of the Nation has AEDs that can be fitted with tracking technology, so that when it moves, it sends a text message to your nominated contact.

Another part of Heart of the Nation's mission is to make AEDs more visible - when Page asked delegates who had noticed the AED in the convention centre, there was a very sparse show of hands.

Step three is to make your AED stand out with bright yellow cabinets and signage.

If you do not have an AED but there is one nearby, you can also use bright yellow signage on your shop window to tell people where they can find it.

"Pharmacists are uniquely placed to help the community with cardiac arrests because you are at the forefront of the community -



they see you as trusted people to help them with their healthcare problems and issues," said Page.

Page gave a shout out to National Pharmacies in South Australia, where 44 outlets have an AED available 24/7 - with four having been accessed to be used.

Finally, he urged pharmacists to consider getting the community involved in a fundraising campaign to buy an AED - there is a fundraising platform on the website.

For more on Heart of the Nation and AED packages, see [HERE](#). *KB*

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