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## Today's issue of PD

**Pharmacy Daily** today features four pages of news, plus a front cover from the **Pharmacy Guild of Australia**, and full pages from:

- **WholeLife Pharmacy & Healthfoods**
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## Guild webinars

**THE** Pharmacy Guild of Australia is running two webinars on Wed 28 May. The first looks at First Nations health, and the second covers business essentials for EOFY. See the **cover page** for more.

## Rethink dispensary

**WILLACH** Consis.C provides the latest in robotic automation for a more efficient dispensary set-up, freeing up space and time within your pharmacy - see **p6**.

# AdPha hails Tasmania aged-care pilot

**ADVANCED** Pharmacy Australia (AdPha) has welcomed Tasmania's nation-first pilot allowing pharmacists to prescribe medicines in aged care settings, announced as part of the state's \$5 million investment in pharmacist prescribing expansion (**PD** 19 May).

AdPha President Tom Simpson praised the announcement as a leap forward for safer and more efficient medicines management in aged care.

"This is a game-changer for aged care," Simpson said.

"Pharmacist-led collaborative prescribing has been pioneered in hospitals by AdPha members for over a decade - now we're seeing that model extended to where it's urgently needed and where pharmacists work in new and emerging specialty roles.

"I commend Minister Roger Jaensch and his team for backing a model that delivers safer, faster access to essential medicines while freeing up stretched medical and

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nursing capacity."

Simpson noted that the initiative builds on more than 12 years of work by AdPha members to advance collaborative prescribing models in hospitals - work that has earned both national recognition and increased adoption across Australian jurisdictions.

"Tasmania was one of the early adopters of this approach," he pointed out.

"It's fantastic to see the state leading again by expanding pharmacist co-prescribing into aged care - one of the most complex and underserved areas of healthcare.

"This is a smart, strategic investment that will deliver better outcomes for older Tasmanians, and we look forward to helping make it a national benchmark," Simpson concluded.



Expanded pharmacist scope is part of the '2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future', announced last week by Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing Roger Jaensch. **KB**

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## Spontan national pharmacy rollout

**LTR Pharma** has announced the expansion of patient access to its erectile dysfunction treatment, Spontan, via a nationwide rollout through pharmacies dispensing under the TGA's Special Access Scheme and Authorised Prescriber Scheme.

The fast-acting intranasal alternative to traditional oral PDE5 inhibitors comes in commercial packaging, including a TGA-compliant barcode.

Dispensing is supported by trained pharmacists and enhances physical access for patients with prescriptions from authorised healthcare professionals.

It will be available at over 600 pharmacies across Australia, distributing via the TerryWhite Chemmart network, Pharmacy Choice and healthSAVE.

## Pharmacists filter incorrect allergy labels

**RESEARCHERS** from Monash University's Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (FPPS) have successfully piloted an algorithm to identify incorrect penicillin allergy labels and educate patients presenting to community pharmacies.

Patients may be labelled as allergic to penicillin because they have experienced common side effects such as nausea or headaches, as opposed to a true immune-mediated penicillin allergy, which impacts less than one percent of the population.

These incorrect penicillin labels are known as 'Type A' (a non true allergy) or 'non-immune mediated' penicillin reactions.

A patient labelled as penicillin-allergic may be prescribed a broader-spectrum antibiotic instead, which has several drawbacks, including contributing to antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

The goal behind identifying and de-labelling incorrect penicillin

allergy labels is to reduce inappropriate prescribing of antibiotics to improve patient safety and help fight against AMR, which is largely driven by the overuse and misuse of antibiotics.

The research took place across five pharmacies in metropolitan Victoria over seven weeks in 2024.

Of the almost 19,000 patients who presented to the pharmacies during this time, 163 had a penicillin allergy label, of which 18.4% were identified as having a Type A or non-immune mediated penicillin reaction history.

More than three-quarters (77%) of those with a Type A or non-immune mediated allergy label were receptive to education and de-labelling, while 23% were hesitant or non-receptive for various reasons, including disbelief that their allergy label is incorrect.

Dr Angelina Lim from the FPPS said teaching pharmacists to de-label incorrect allergies in the community is an important part of

antimicrobial stewardship.

"As medicine experts and frontline healthcare workers who are readily accessible to the community, we believe community pharmacists are well placed to provide penicillin allergy de-labelling support that will improve antibiotic prescribing for patients," Dr Lim said.

"We recognise that community pharmacies are busy and having a simple algorithm to follow may help support them make interventions day to day," she added.

The algorithm comprises integration of adult and paediatric antibiotic allergy assessment tools, with all patients asked a series of validated antibiotic allergy questions by students trained to implement the algorithm.

The authors concluded the algorithm can support everyday community pharmacy practice and reduce the risk of incorrect antibiotic allergy labels in the community.

Read the study [HERE](#). *KB*



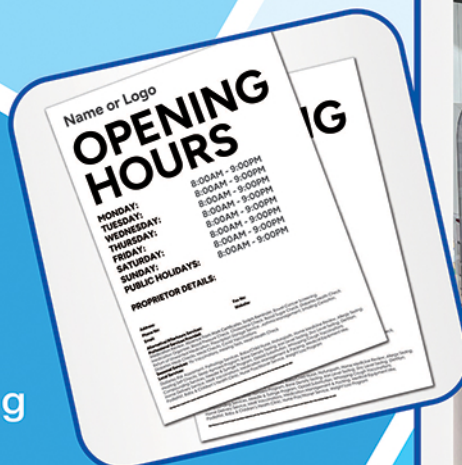
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## \$50m boon for endometriosis

**THE** University of NSW has announced the establishment of the Ainsworth Endometriosis Research Institute (AERI), a world-first initiative between members of the philanthropic Ainsworth family and UNSW Sydney that is set to revolutionise endometriosis research, diagnosis, and treatment for millions of people suffering around the world.

Funded by the family to the tune of \$50 million over 10 years, the partnership will position Australia as a global leader in women's health and the fight against endometriosis.

It is estimated one in seven Australian women - around 830,000 people - will have endometriosis by age 49, impacting their health, fertility, careers and daily lives, with an estimated economic cost in the region of \$8 billion annually.

Endometriosis is a significant global challenge, affecting around 200 million people, and the World Economic Forum named endometriosis as one of the nine diseases most affecting the lives of women, their communities and the global economy.

AERI will adopt a global consortia-based approach to research, bringing together top scientists, clinicians, and philanthropists from around the world - including England, Canada, Denmark, India and the USA - to unlock a continuous pipeline of scientific discoveries.

"The aim is to accelerate breakthroughs in diagnosis and create precision-based treatments," a spokesperson said.

"By focusing on genomic research, biorepositories and advanced testing, AERI will fast-track new understandings of endometriosis, moving beyond current medical limitations."

## Amcal launches into retail beauty

**AMCAL** has launched into the pharmacy retail beauty space with its new Amcal+ Ultra concept stores, while also leaning into the brand's heritage.

Ultra Beauty first launched in 2018 as a shop-in-shop experience at fellow Sigma chain Chemist Warehouse, focusing on premium brands.

At the official unveiling of its Northland store in Melbourne last night, Tony Bassaly, Amcal+ General Manager Franchise Brands, told *Pharmacy Daily* more about the concept and the thinking behind it.

"The Amcal+ Ultra concept allows for an elevation with high end fragrances, cosmetics and skincare," Bassaly said.

"It's a play in that space that Amcal didn't have the opportunity to play in before," he added.

Bassaly explained that the stores chosen for the concept will generally be in shopping centres with high traffic flow, and will also need to be an appropriate size.

"For this to work, we need the space to make sure the shopping experience is 100%.

"We'll be rolling out as many of these as we can, and our aim is to get them in every state and territory in Australia."

He explained that the service side has always been strong with Amcal, but the feeling was that the retail arm is where the brand can be strongest and contribute the best.

"It's going to be a long journey, but the path's clear on what's needed to be leaders in the industry again," Bassaly said.

He also talked about the reinvigoration of Amcal's traditional branding.

"We're basically wanting to pull from the fabric of Amcal over the last eighty years, so if you walk through this store, you'll see the messaging, 'Just ask', and 'For you, for life', Bassaly pointed out.

"We're paying homage to the past of Amcal, and making sure we extend our product range alongside of our services."

Also featuring in the new store concept is branding and content aligned with the Gen Well TV program now showing on Foxtel's Lifestyle Channel (*PD* 17 Apr).



The 10-part weekly wellness series looks at how families can take meaningful steps to improve their overall health, supported by psychologists, instructors, academics, health practitioners and Amcal pharmacists. *KB*



## Act now on NSW hospital pharmacy funding

**ADVANCED** Pharmacy Australia (AdPha) has called for swift action on hospital pharmacy funding in New South Wales, welcoming the recommendations of the final *Healthcare Funding Reform* report from the Special Commission of Inquiry into Healthcare Funding.

The report recognises the vital role of the hospital pharmacy workforce, AdPha said, adding it is particularly pleased to see broad endorsement of its member-driven proposals, which were presented at last year's hearing by a number of the body's former leaders.

This includes former NSW Branch Chair Jonathan Penm. "There is enormous interest

in hospital pharmacy, but the positions simply don't exist - or where they do, they're undervalued and overlooked," Penm said.

"Pharmacists are integral to delivering safe and effective care, yet when new services are introduced, pharmacy is too often left out of the equation.

"Hospital pharmacists operate in a complex environment, ensuring safe medication use across the entire patient journey - whether at the bedside, in the dispensary, or in clinical governance roles."

Penm said it is encouraging to see momentum build towards reform of the evolving role of hospital pharmacists.

## Euky Bear recall

**FELTON** Grimwade & Bosisto's is recalling all batches of its Euky Bear (Warm Steam) Vaporiser due to a potential overheating problem.

Consumers are advised to immediately discontinue use of the product and contact the customer service team at [eukybear@fgb.com.au](mailto:eukybear@fgb.com.au) to arrange a replacement unit.

The base of the blue heating module may overheat and start to disintegrate if the device is not turned off after steaming has stopped.

The problem affects model number EBSV2013, with no other types affected; however, four batches of the device were also recalled in 2023.





### Dispensary Corner

**YOU** may recall earlier this year when we wrote about Australian anti-hangover supplement alc-eze's search for the world's first-ever 'Chief Hangover Officer' (CHO) (PD 24 Jan).

Well, after receiving more than 2,500 applications, the company has officially crowned its CHO - Jacki Hodge, a professional solo traveller from Wollongong.

The 28-year-old beat thousands of hopefuls from around the world to score the dream gig, which will see her travel across Europe and Asia to test and document the world's wackiest hangover remedies.

Hodge's mission is to help alc-eze discover the next big ingredient in natural hangover relief, sharing her journey along the way on the brand's social media channels.

In return, Hodge (pictured) will enjoy a six-figure salary, fully paid travel, access to the world's best parties, and a year's supply of alc-eze - not to mention endless bragging rights.

"We were looking for curiosity, creativity and a touch of chaos, and Jacki delivered on all fronts," said Anthony Taylor, co-founder of alc-eze.

"She's a fearless traveller, a compelling storyteller, and someone who truly understands the mission: curing hangovers, naturally, and globally."



## PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT

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