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Pharmacy Daily today features two pages of news, plus a full page from Maxofen.

Sunscreen ARTG list number crackdown

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has issued a statement on sunscreen labelling practices after irregularities around ARTG listing numbers came to light at the end of last year.

Some companies were allegedly using the same ARTG list number for multiple sunscreen products that have different names and/or different indications from those recorded in the ARTG.

The TGA is taking action to enforce regulations, and has warned consumers that this may result in further products being withdrawn from supply. Learn more [HERE](#).

Pharmacists honoured on Australia Day

EMERITUS Professor Colin Chapman and Victorian pharmacist Dipak Sanghvi have been appointed Members of the Order of Australia (AM) as part of the 2026 Australia Day Honours (**PD** breaking news yesterday).

Chapman has been recognised for significant service to pharmacy and pharmaceutical science research, education and practice.

In addition to holding academic roles at Monash University, University of New England, James Cook University and the University of Melbourne, he has carried out many roles with various professional bodies over several decades, including the Victorian branch of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA), for which he was recognised with a lifetime achievement award in 2024.

Meanwhile, Sanghvi has been recognised for significant service to community health through governance and board positions.

Among his roles were president

of the Victorian branch of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, chair of Monash Health, and chair of the Return Unwanted Medicines Project.

Pharmacists awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) were Rhys London of Tasmania and Bruce Townsend of NSW, recognised for service to the community, and Maurice Renshaw of NSW for service to the pharmaceutical industry.

PSA national president, Professor Mark Naunton, acknowledged the high honour of this recognition and thanked the recipients for their previous and ongoing contributions to the profession.

"It is evident that pharmacists play a vital role in their communities and the healthcare system [and] to have multiple pharmacists recognised on the prestigious Australia Day Honours List is a phenomenal outcome," Professor Naunton said.

"On behalf of PSA and the

pharmacy profession, I would like to extend my congratulations."

Pharmacy Guild of Australia national president Trent Twomey concurred, pointing out that "these individuals represent the very best of our profession".

"Their work strengthens communities, supports better health outcomes, and showcases the vital role pharmacists play every single day," he said.

"Pharmacists consistently go above and beyond for the people they serve [and] it is fitting to see their commitment acknowledged among such deserving winners." KB

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Dispensary Corner

COULD the humble llama be big pharma's secret weapon to discovering new drugs?

Scientists have uncovered the potential of the animals' antibodies to thwart multiple diseases, according to a report in sci-tech title *Phys.org*.

Drug developers are now ploughing billions of dollars into a field that may yield a fresh generation of life-changing medicines, which includes some for hard-to-treat conditions such as cancer, nerve pain and dermal ailments.

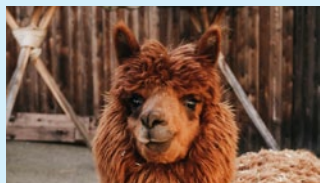
The llamas being studied, which are housed in a field in Belgium, receive injections to trigger the production of their nanobodies, which scientists praise as easy to produce, manipulate and engineer.

Llamas are one of only a few animals to produce these tiny protein nanobodies.

"They have this Lego-like nature that you can just snap together any way you want to, which is really unique," said Mark Lappe, chief executive of biopharmaceutical firm Inhibrx Biosciences.

"If you try to do that with regular antibodies, it's wildly complex," he added.

The field is burgeoning, with a drug for a rare autoimmune blood disorder recently becoming the first medicine developed using llamas.



Fei Sim reflects on her PSA presidency

EXCLUSIVE

AS THE mantle of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) presidency officially passes today to Professor Mark Naunton, Associate Professor Fei Sim (pictured) shared with *Pharmacy Daily* some of the highlights from her four-year tenure as president.

"What leaves a smile on my face, and what really matters, is that we are a more united profession moving forward, and that pharmacists are recognised by the health system and by Australians as essential healthcare providers across all areas of practice," she opened.

Sim pointed out that pharmacists' impact grew exponentially during COVID, and as it continues to do so with further scope expansion, unity is more important than ever.

"I've always felt that our profession might be small, but we are mighty," she said.

"But because we're such a small profession, we need to have as much alignment, as much unity, as much collaboration as we possibly can within our profession.

"I really feel that over the past four years we've come through a journey, and I'm really proud to see that that's going from strength to strength."

In terms of milestones, Sim said her "number one" would have to be the PSA acquisition of the Australasian College of Pharmacy.

"That didn't happen overnight, and I'm really glad to see where we are now," she said.

"There is going to be another chapter ahead of us, but it is a significant achievement, and not just for the PSA - it really is for the profession.

"What it means is that within a resource-constrained environment,

we will be able to focus our resourcing and invest in education and training and upskilling of our workforce in areas that are required, so that together our workforce can build a capability and capacity and be agile to meet the fast evolving practice landscape affecting pharmacists and pharmacy assistants."

Another highlight was the establishment of the PSA Foundation in 2023.

"We're really pleased and proud to see that the foundation now has over a million dollars in total assets under management, and is currently in the position where we are fully operational.

"We have successfully undertaken a number of philanthropic activities through the foundation, including the training of Mental Health First Aid training for 26 pharmacists in Queensland, as well as partnering with the Wilson Foundation to distribute the Maudsley Deprescribing Guidelines."

Sim was also proud to note that PSA membership numbers have surpassed 21,000 for the first time.

"Seeing more and more pharmacists building loyalty towards the PSA, and seeing the PSA as their home, means a lot to me," she said.

The PSA has invested heavily in education and training, including the development of training for pharmacist prescribing, aged care onsite pharmacists, and medication management reviews, as well as modularised training to support scope expansion.

With quality use of medicines (QUM) and medicine safety as a national health priority area, the PSA has prioritised growing projects and partnerships in the space.



"And we in 2025 alone, we delivered over 40 projects with over 30 partners, and our projects our growing exponentially," Sim said.

"So that's something that I'm quite proud to see, because these partnerships and projects are critical - they often drive innovation, but they also generate the evidence our profession needs to demonstrate the impact of our work as pharmacists in driving QUM and medicine safety."

With a focus on looking after priority and vulnerable patient groups, Sim also highlighted some of the medicine safety reports completed during her tenure, including those on disability care, mental health and paediatrics.

Finally, Sim pointed to the signing of the historic Strategic Agreement on Pharmacist Professional Practice with the Federal Government, underpinning "how we would lift the bar and promote professionalism to meet the evolving needs of the health system and our patients in Australia".

Sim concluded with three key messages for pharmacists:

"Stay united as a profession - it's the responsibility of every single one of us; try to make a positive impact at every opportunity as our profession and our work continues to evolve; and think and act like a clinician - because we are." KB

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