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Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features two pages of the latest news, plus a front cover from the **Pharmacy Careers Summit 2026**.

Careers summit

THE free, virtual Pharmacy Careers Summit is happening this Friday and features an extensive program of speakers.

Make sure you catch the leader panel with Prof Mark Naunton, Prof Trent Twomey and Assoc Prof Tom Simpson - see the **cover page** for more.

NMS regos open

THE 2026 National Medicines Symposium will be held virtually on Wed 11 Nov, exploring the topic of 'Medicines stewardship: safer use starts with all of us'. Register **HERE**.

Show us the evidence, say GPs

DOCTORS peak bodies are doubling down on their opposition to pharmacist prescribing, with the Royal Australian College of GPs highlighting a report released today suggesting that the ongoing rollout of pharmacist prescribing lacks evidence of safety.

The independent report was commissioned by the RACGP in response to its concerns around patient safety and what it said were "ongoing but unfounded claims the initiatives across the country were evidence-based".

"The RACGP supports increasing access to healthcare; however, this should never be at the expense of patient safety," said RACGP president Dr Michael Wright.

"Coordinated care is vital, but GPs across Australia are seeing patients with adverse health outcomes or diagnoses missed after forgoing a GP appointment in favour of a pharmacy prescription.

"This can look like a patient getting prescribed treatment for

a urinary tract infection and then presenting to a GP down the track with chlamydia, gonorrhoea, pelvic inflammatory disease or even an ectopic pregnancy."

According to Dr Wright, the report showed that the bulk of the 20-odd conditions slated for pharmacist prescribing have not been formally evaluated in robust clinical trials either overseas or in Australia, and requests of state governments to provide evidence supporting safe autonomous pharmacist prescribing were declined.

He said there was some evidence that pharmacist prescribing may improve access to medicines, but it largely measured service uptake and prescribing activity rather than safety outcomes.

Dr Wright challenged state governments and the Pharmacy Guild to publicly release full details of any robust clinical evidence or peer-reviewed trials and evaluations demonstrating safety.

The report is available **HERE**. KB

Guild welcomes new code of ethics

THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia has welcomed the release of the new Code of Ethics for Pharmacists (**PD** 02 Jul), stating it represents an important step forward for the profession.

The Guild played an active part in supporting the development of the Code, ensuring it reflects the increasingly complex healthcare landscape and realities of modern community pharmacy practice, as the role of pharmacists in delivering accessible healthcare evolves.

"Strong frameworks like this Code of Ethics as well as the new Quality and Safety Pharmacy Program accreditation programme strengthen the safeguards, standards and quality systems that underpin care," Guild vice president Simon Blacker said.



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Dispensary Corner

WOULDN'T it be good to get paid to exercise? Physical activity levels in Britain are so low that the country's government will soon offer people rewards just for going on a short walk.

From Jan 2027, the country's National Health Service (NHS) is set to hand out shopping vouchers, discounts and free treats to Britons for walking 20 minutes per day.

The incentive scheme, named Movement 26.2, is expected to be delivered through an app or website, led by Olympic medallist Sir Brendan Foster and Air Miles inventor Sir Keith Mills.

Health officials are reportedly in talks with retailers to create a loyalty program rewarding people with free coffees and movie tickets when they meet the walking targets.

According to statistics, only around half of middle-aged Britons manage just one brisk 10-minute walk a month, with the low activity levels estimated to cost the country £7.4 billion (A\$14.2b) a year.

Vitex boosts sovereign capability

VITEX Pharmaceuticals has officially opened Wonderland, its new \$250 million manufacturing facility in Eastern Creek, Western Sydney, representing the most significant investment in Australian pharmaceutical manufacturing in more than two decades.

The Australian family-owned pharmaceutical manufacturer is behind many of the country's best-known brands, and the new facility will support the full spectrum of medicine manufacturing under one roof - from Schedule 2 OTC products through Schedule 4 prescription medicines, strengthening Australia's sovereign capability.

"In 2023, 61% of medicines supplied in Australia were imported, and by mid-2024, more than 400 medicines were in shortage, affecting treatments for cardiovascular disease, depression and hormone therapies," Vitex CEO Dr Aniss Chami noted.

"Wonderland is licensed to manufacture Schedule 4 medicines, which means Vitex now has the capability to help close critical gaps in domestic supply," he explained.

The facility was officially opened on Fri last week by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and NSW Premier Chris Minns, alongside Vitex



executive chairman Dr Elie Chami and CEO Dr Aniss Chami, before an audience of industry leaders, clients and local representatives.

Operating adjacent to Vitex's original 2017 site, Wonderland triples the company's production footprint and will create 800 new roles in engineering, R&D, operations and quality assurance.

It is expected to become one of the largest pharmaceutical manufacturing sites in the Southern Hemisphere once fully operational. "As a contract manufacturer, Vitex is the unseen hand behind many of Australia's most trusted brands," Dr Aniss Chami said.

"Our clients bring us an idea and we carry it all the way to the shelf. "This facility triples our capacity to do that onshore, by Australian workers, to the world's most rigorous pharmaceutical standards," he concluded.

New leadership for NAPSA

THE National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association (NAPSA) has announced the election of a new national president and board of executive directors, following the recent Annual General Meeting at the University of Canberra.

Mia Avram, a final year student from Monash University, was elected to serve as national president for the 2026/2027 term, taking the baton from immediate past president of the last two years, Sebastian Harper.

Joining her in leadership are Lara Benham, Charles Sturt University; Taylor Dudley, University of Canberra; Jessie Kristo, University of Sydney; Immanuel Mansour, University of New South Wales; Ellen Woodside, Charles Sturt University; and Raghad Yousif RMIT University.

Harper congratulated Avram and her team on their election, saying, "I have full confidence that Mia will be the most capable and dedicated national president the Association has ever seen."



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