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## Today's issue of PD

*Pharmacy Daily* today features two pages of the latest industry news, plus a full page from **Twenty20 Legal**.

## Jext adrenaline pen on PBS

**BIOSELECT** has announced today the Australian launch of Jext, an adrenaline autoinjector for the emergency treatment of anaphylaxis now listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and available nationally.

Available in two strengths (150 micrograms and 300 micrograms) its introduction provides an additional PBS-listed adrenaline autoinjector option for clinicians and pharmacists when supporting patients at risk of severe allergic reactions.

Bioselect has confirmed a partnership with Pharmacor to support the introduction, distribution, and education of Jext across Australia.

The Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCI) has welcomed the introduction of a new adrenaline auto-injector device, and has updated its online anaphylaxis training courses and resources to include all adrenaline devices approved for use in Australia.

Expanding the range of available adrenaline devices is important to help prevent supply issues, ASCIA noted.

## Consultant pharmacists awarded

**PHARMACISTS** Kelly Abbott and Tiernan McDonough have been recognised by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) at the Consultant Pharmacist Conference on the Gold Coast.

Abbott (**pictured**) was awarded the 2026 PSA MIMS Consultant Pharmacist of the Year for her outstanding contribution to consultant pharmacy practice and passion for improving patient care over 15 years of service in Gippsland, Victoria.

She is highly regarded throughout the industry for her work in delivering Home Medicines Reviews (HMRs), Residential Medication Management Reviews, and providing Quality Use of Medicines services.

PSA national president, Professor Mark Naunton, said Abbott "epitomises many credentialed pharmacists as a passionate and relentless advocate for HMRs, her patients, and the greater credentialed pharmacist workforce".

"Kelly has continued to be actively involved in grassroots advocacy, notably in recent months during the First Pharmacy Programs Agreement negotiations led by PSA, ensuring the voices of frontline pharmacists and patients were heard," he said.

"We are proud to recognise Kelly as the PSA MIMS Consultant Pharmacist of the Year and celebrate her significant and ongoing impact."

**MEANWHILE**, McDonough was presented as the 2026 PSA AMH Aged Care Pharmacist of the Year, an award that recognises



excellence, leadership, and innovation in aged care pharmacy.

The South Australian-based pharmacist was acknowledged for his dedication and commitment to aged care pharmacy practice through his support for residents and healthcare teams in delivering medication reviews and quality use of medicines services.

Professor Naunton explained McDonough's impact extended beyond the aged care sector in which he practices.

"Tiernan has led an important mentoring program that connects pharmacists within the residential aged care profession, to reduce professional isolation and support further workforce development," he said. *KB*

## Legal guidance

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## Tributes as GBMA's Peterson farewellled

**THE** Board of the Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Association (GBMA), the peak body for more accessible medicines, has paid tribute to outgoing CEO Marnie Peterson for her outstanding leadership and commitment as her tenure came to an end (**PD** 01 Apr).

"After many years of dedicated leadership, Marnie is stepping back, and we thank her for the immense contribution she has made to GBMA, our members, and the patients who rely on affordable, accessible medicines every day," said chair Prof Jane Halton.



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### Dispensary Corner

**A BRAND** of so-called sex chocolate has been recalled in the US by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for containing an ingredient not declared on the product label.

Lab analysis conducted by the regulator on Boner Bears Sex chocolate revealed the presence of sildenafil, the active ingredient in Viagra.

Boner Bears and similar products are typically sold online or in adult stores with claims of improving libido and sexual prowess.

"Sildenafil is approved for use only under the supervision of a licensed healthcare professional for the treatment of erectile dysfunction," the FDA noted, warning that products containing undeclared sildenafil may pose serious health risks.

"Sildenafil can interact with nitrates found in certain prescription drugs, such as nitroglycerin, and may lower blood pressure to dangerous levels," the regulator said, noting that people with diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or heart disease are at increased risk due to potential drug interactions.

The chocolate bars are not the first Boner Bears product to be pinged by the FDA - Boner Bears Chocolate Syrup was subject to a recall in Feb after the FDA discovered that the sweet treat also contained undeclared sildenafil.



## \$4.7m for pharmacist research

**A RESEARCH** project looking at clinical pharmacist care and quality use of medicines in aged care homes has been funded to the tune of almost \$4.7 million as part of a round of research grants focused on dementia announced last Fri.

The five-year Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF)-supported project will be led by pharmacy professor Janet Sluggett from Adelaide University, with chief investigators from universities around Australia and project partners including the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, and Advanced Pharmacy Australia.

"This highly collaborative project is designed to support the important services that aged care on-site pharmacists (ACOPs) are providing in aged care homes, to improve resident's health outcomes," Professor Sluggett said.

"It will identify barriers and enablers to delivering high-quality pharmacist care and quality use of medicines more broadly in aged care homes," she told *Pharmacy Daily*.

As part of the project, the role of pharmacist technicians will be evaluated to determine whether having them working alongside the pharmacist can free up the pharmacist's time and enable the pharmacist to focus on high-value clinical activities to improve



medication use.

"We will also be looking at how existing pharmacy technician models in Australia and overseas could be adapted to best suit the aged care environment, as well as technician's training requirements," Professor Sluggett said.

"This will inform our clinical trial intervention bundle, where trained pharmacy technicians will work alongside ACOPs to support quality use of medicines.

"Our trial results, together with workforce projection modelling, will help to inform future policy and scale up decisions," she added.

In announcing the grants, which total \$22.9 million, Health Minister Mark Butler noted that dementia is the leading cause of death in Australia, "making action more important than ever".

"Research is key [and] the funding for these projects will enable our best and brightest researchers in this field to make a real difference for people living with or at risk of dementia," he concluded. *KB*

## Fake podiatrist's sentence "a warning"

**SYDNEY** man David Nasr has been sentenced to two years in jail and ordered to pay \$51,900 in legal costs after masquerading as a registered podiatrist, conducting over 600 consultations in aged care homes between Nov 2023 and May 2025.

"Pretending to be a registered health practitioner is a crime

that puts people at risk of serious physical, emotional and financial harm," Apha CEO Justin Untersteiner said.

"This case should serve as a warning that Apha will do whatever it takes to uphold the National Law and maintain confidence in the system," Untersteiner added. *JB*



### Weekly Comment

Welcome to *Pharmacy Daily's* weekly comment feature. This week's contributor is **Amit Saha**, head of technical & innovation at **LaCorium Health**.



### Xerosis: recognition and management

**XEROSIS**, or severe dry skin, is a common dermatological condition that can impact skin integrity, comfort and quality of life.

While mild dryness is frequent, persistent xerosis often reflects a compromised skin barrier and may require more than routine moisturisation.

Environmental triggers such as low humidity, cold weather, harsh cleansers and excessive bathing can reduce epidermal hydration.

Xerosis may also occur secondary to systemic conditions such as diabetes mellitus, where altered sweat gland function and reduced skin hydration are common.

Symptoms include scaling, roughness, redness, itch, tightness and occasional fissuring.

Early intervention is key to prevent progression and reduce risk of infection, with a focus on restoring the skin barrier and maintaining hydration.

Standard moisturisers may be insufficient; keratolytic emollients containing urea can improve hydration and support exfoliation.

Pharmacists are well positioned to identify xerosis, recommend appropriate topical therapy and refer patients for further medical evaluation where underlying dermatological or systemic disease is suspected.

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