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Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features three pages of news, plus a front cover from **TerryWhite Chemmart**, and two further pages from **TerryWhite Chemmart**.

TWC celebrates

TERRYWHITE Chemmart congratulates the network's National Pharmacy of the Year, TerryWhite Chemmart Clare, announced at its HEART Awards this week. See the **cover page**.

HEART awards

TERRYWHITE Chemmart honours the state and territory winners of Pharmacy of the Year at its HEART Awards on **page four**, and recipients of the leadership and engagement awards on **page five**.

Chemist Care Now pharmacists can initiate Pill without script

THE Victorian Government has announced that from Jul 2026, women over 18 will be able to obtain the oral contraceptive pill without a script at participating Chemist Care Now pharmacies.

The initiative will provide more convenient access to the Pill, particularly in rural and remote areas where GP appointments are harder to arrange.

Pharmacists who want to deliver this service will be required to complete a postgraduate training module on the topic.

Before dispensing the medication, pharmacists must undertake a thorough consultation and outline any risks, and also provide comprehensive advice about other options, including long-

acting reversible contraception.

Under the Chemist Care Now pilot, pharmacists can already resupply an existing Pill script - a service that has been accessed by 17,000 women since 2023.

Over the next two years, Chemist Care Now will grow to include another 23 treatments, including the resupply of hormone replacement therapy.

CSL renews pandemic supply contract

IN AN agreement announced yesterday, Australian vaccine manufacturer CSL Seqirus will supply Canada with 15 million doses of Australian-made advanced cell-based vaccines in the event of an influenza pandemic.

CSL Seqirus has a long-term partnership with the Australian Government and is a pandemic preparedness partner to more than 30 governments around the world.

The digitally-enabled Tullamarine facility and its associated network have the capability to rapidly produce over 150 million vaccines in the first wave of manufacturing to help protect Australia and other nations in the event of a pandemic.

Opened in Dec last year (*PD* 03 Dec 2025), the new site adds significant capacity to CSL Seqirus' global pandemic response network, and is capable of meeting the high demand from existing and prospective government partners.

Under a previous contract with Canada, CSL Seqirus was contracted to provide an egg-based influenza

vaccine in the event of a pandemic.

The new cell-based manufacturing platform provides benefits including scalability, reduced reliance on large volumes of critical materials, and the ability to rapidly produce vaccines using state-of-the-art technology.

"As Commonwealth nations, we have a long-standing friendship, so we're thrilled that vaccines manufactured in Australia will help protect Canadians in the event of an influenza pandemic," said Jonah Smith, vice president, manufacturing and site head at CSL Seqirus Tullamarine Manufacturing Facility.

"Our year-round seasonal vaccine production is a critical part of the strong foundation needed to ensure we can rapidly provide pandemic vaccines."

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, who is currently visiting Australia, and his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese, issued a joint statement welcoming the renewed preparedness contract

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between the Public Health Agency of Canada and CSL Seqirus.

"The pandemic vaccine preparedness contract will help protect Canadians against future pandemic events and demonstrates how Australian and Canadian science and health collaboration is supporting our health and economic security, supply chain resilience, and pandemic preparedness," they stated. *KB*

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Strengthening primary care role

PHARMACY leaders will come together in a panel session at APP2026 to discuss how community pharmacy can strengthen its role in primary care through clinical services, screening and innovative care models.

Speakers include Tom Murray, president of the Irish Pharmacy Union - more **HERE**.



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FIP partners with Opella

THE International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) and over-the-counter healthcare business Opella have inked a five-year deal to strengthen pharmacists' role in advancing health literacy and self-care.

Building on a long-standing collaboration, the partnership aims to elevate self-care as a core component of sustainable health systems and to empower pharmacists as key enablers of patient health literacy and access to care across the world.

The core pillars of the partnership are sustainability in pharmacy and self-care; health literacy and education; and equitable access to self-care.

Both organisations retain full autonomy, under clear governance, compliance and transparency frameworks.

"This partnership strengthens FIP's efforts to support the delivery of Universal Health Coverage through Primary Health Care and the associated self-care frameworks and strategies by 2030, leveraging pharmacists as pivotal enablers of patient health literacy," said FIP president Paul Sinclair.

"Through a program of activities designed to drive measurable impact, FIP seeks to support national pharmacy associations and accelerate self-care adoption across diverse health systems," he added.

Are you ready for FluMist?



PHARMACEUTICAL Defence Limited (PDL) has issued advice to pharmacists about the administration of the FluMist intranasal flu vaccine.

It reminds pharmacists that the vaccine must be delivered by a qualified pharmacist immuniser, and that the intranasal version is within their scope of practice.

Accurate documentation, correct technique, appropriate post-vaccination care and upload to the Australian Immunisation Register are essential.

"Pharmacists should apply the same considerations as those for the traditional intramuscular vaccine," the insurer stated.

"At a minimum, ensure:

- Maintenance of current qualifications and immunisation competencies
- Robust pre- and post-vaccination procedures
- Correct cold chain management
- Adherence to jurisdictional authorisation, approved product

information and relevant guidelines

- Verification of approved age range and contraindications
- Thorough documentation of consent, administration, near misses/incidents and AIR reporting."

PDL recommends pharmacists consult their local health department for advice on funding, age eligibility and scope arrangements, as they differ by jurisdiction.

Adolescent vax resources

NEW South Wales Health has produced a series of information sheets on vaccines for adolescents and their parents.

Available in 27 different community languages, the resources provide information about the disease and the relevant vaccines.

The plain language fact sheets cover chickenpox; diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis; hepatitis B; human papillomavirus; measles, mumps and rubella; meningococcal; and polio.

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Dispensary Corner

A MAJOR pharmacy chain in the United States has ruffled feathers by announcing a drastic new security measure.

Walgreens plans to equip its staff with body cameras at select stores around New York City - a decision it said was intended to help keep customers and workers safe.

"Body cameras can help de-escalate conflicts, ultimately contributing to a safer environment for everyone," the pharmacy giant explained, but did not provide details on the safeguards or how the footage could be used.

Shoppers are not too happy about the security measure, with some taking to Reddit to voice their concerns.

"That's so weird considering the number of cameras they already have installed per square foot," one observed.

"I will not shop at any store that enacts this," another Reddit user proclaimed.

"Actually have adequate staff #'s and a security guard that can actually act with authority if you are concerned about safety - more cameras is a lazy idea that won't help," wrote another.

According to local news outlet News12, signs will be posted in stores to alert shoppers to the cameras in use.

Responding to concerns about customer privacy, Walgreens told News12, "We understand the importance of protecting customer privacy and have safeguards in place to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations".

CWH returns to Walk 4 Duchenne

FOUNDER of Save Our Sons Duchenne Foundation, Elie Eid, yesterday began a four-day walking challenge to raise vital funds and awareness for Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophy.

Supported by national partner Chemist Warehouse, Eid, sponsored walkers, families and a support crew will walk 92km around Perth over the four days, stopping at a total of 16 Chemist Warehouse stores along the way.

Save Our Sons Duchenne Foundation is Australia's leading charity supporting families affected by Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophy, and was founded in 2008 by Elie and Nancy Eid after their son, Emilio, was diagnosed with Duchenne.

"The aim of the walk is to raise

awareness of Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophy and to raise vital funds to help us support research and clinical trials, fund nurses in neuromuscular clinics around the country, and support and provide resources to families affected by the conditions," Eid said.

Duchenne is a severe muscle-wasting condition that affects mainly boys, requiring the use of a wheelchair from childhood, while Becker is a milder form of muscular dystrophy.

The life expectancy for those with Duchenne is early to mid-twenties, and there is currently no cure.

"Chemist Warehouse is proud to once again partner with Save Our Sons Duchenne Foundation



as the national partner for Walk 4 Duchenne in 2026," said Chemist Warehouse deputy CEO of retail, Mario Tascone.

"We remain deeply committed to raising much-needed funds and awareness for everyone affected by Duchenne muscular dystrophy," Tascone continued.

"Together, we stand strong and determined to find a cure." KB

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Angle Vale + Playford, SA



Retail Leadership Award

Kylie Chapman

Caboolture North, QLD

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