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## PSA26 First Nations grants open

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia has announced that expressions of interest for the 2026 PSA Faye McMillan Conference Grant are now open for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants.

The grant provides First Nations pharmacists, interns and pharmacy students the opportunity to attend the PSA's national conference, *PSA26 - the Home of Pharmacists*, which is taking place from Fri 31 Jul to Sun 02 Aug 2026 at ICC Sydney.

Professor Faye McMillan (pictured), a Wiradjuri yinaa (Wiradjuri woman) originally from Trangie, NSW, is recognised as the first Indigenous Australian to hold a Western degree in pharmacy.

"I am deeply honoured to have my name associated with the 2026 PSA Faye McMillan Conference Grant," she said.

"This year carries special significance for me as I honour my mum Robyn, whose unwavering love and belief in my journey continue to guide me.

"This grant opens doors for early career pharmacists and pharmacy students to deepen their professional networks, strengthen their confidence, and feel a sense of belonging within our profession,



something my mum championed in her own quiet, steadfast way.

"By supporting this grant, we continue our shared commitment to diversity, inclusion, and equity in healthcare."

PSA national president, Professor Mark Naunton, is passionate about supporting the participation of First Nations Australians in the pharmacy profession and the greater healthcare sector.

"The PSA is proud to honour Professor McMillan in this way, offering the grant for the fourth consecutive year," he said.

"The PSA is dedicated to increasing the health workforce participation of First Nations Australians to better meet the healthcare needs of these communities," he added.

To submit an expression of interest for a grant, see the form available [HERE](#).

## Survey: Medicinal cannabis and driving

RESEARCHERS from the Sydney Pharmacy School, at the University of Sydney, are inviting Australian pharmacists to participate in a 10-minute anonymous survey on medicinal cannabis and driving.

The study aims to better understand pharmacists' knowledge, behaviours and beliefs on the topic, with findings expected to inform future

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### Is double-checking really safer?

**FINDINGS** from a world-first simulation trial into one of healthcare’s most widely accepted medication-safety practices - nurse double-checking - suggest it is not always superior to single-checking.

Led by Professor Johanna Westbrook from the Australian Institute of Health Innovation at Macquarie University, the study casts doubt on whether outcomes from the often-mandated practice of having two nurses independently check medications, rather than just one, justify the resources required.

“Our findings also raise important questions for other health professionals such as pharmacists, who play a vital role in keeping patients safe but often rely on double-checking as a safety strategy,” Professor Westbrook told *Pharmacy Daily*.

The study involved 82 nurses from two paediatric hospitals.

Across 1,160 dose administrations, there were 640 embedded errors, and overall nurses detected 72% of them.

In the independent double-checking (IDC) condition, nurses were 11% more likely to detect an error relative to the single-checking condition.

However, they found that the benefit varied by nurse experience - experienced nurses showed a 26% improvement with IDC, but there was no difference for early-career nurses.

An interesting finding was that early-career nurses outperformed



their more experienced colleagues when checking alone (73% vs 63%).

The team also found evidence of what they called ‘social loafing’, where the presence of a second checker resulted in reduced error detection, particularly for early-career nurses.

A further concern was that despite being made aware there would be potential errors, and successfully identifying several during the simulation, nurses missed over 20% of planted medication errors.

In terms of resources, the team found the average time taken to administer a medication set to one patient was significantly longer in the IDC condition (29 minutes) compared with single-checking (24 minutes).

Given the inconsistent benefits, nursing resources required, and the difficulty of maintaining ‘independence’ in practice on busy clinical wards, the study team suggested a more effective, scalable strategy could be to improve single-checking skills to enhance medication safety.

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

### New injector pen recycling initiative

**A COLLABORATION** between Novo Nordisk, Pharmacycle and TerryWhite Chemmart will see the launch of Australia’s first pilot recycling initiative for medical injection pens.

The pilot is part of ReMed, Novo Nordisk’s global take-back and recycling initiative, and will explore practical, scalable pathways to help keep valuable materials out of landfill through a coordinated collection and recycling approach across the healthcare system.

The pilot is envisaged to kick off later this year, allowing patients who use Novo Nordisk medicines delivered via disposable, pre-filled injection pens - such as Ozempic and Wegovy - to return used pens at participating TerryWhite Chemmart pharmacy locations in Sydney for appropriate collection and processing.

Also taking part in the program are Royal North Shore Hospital and St Vincent’s Hospital Sydney, where inpatients and outpatients



will be able to return used pens.

The pilot will assess patient return and safe collection at participating sites, transport and handling, sorting and recovery pathways, and operational learnings to determine scalability.

“Pharmacies are often the most accessible healthcare touchpoint for patients managing chronic conditions like diabetes and obesity,” said Michael Beaumont, GM TerryWhite Chemmart.

“Supporting this pilot allows us to play a role in testing how used injection pens can be safely returned and responsibly handled, while learning alongside our partners what a scalable solution might look like for the future.”



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## Dispensary Corner

**AN AUSSIE** city has ranked as the number one holiday destination globally where sunburn risk is highest in Mar, according to a new study from Ibiza Summer Villas.

While most Australians already understand the importance of slip, slop, slap, those in WA should be extra vigilant with sun protection this month.

According to the research, Perth records an average of nine hours of sunshine per day during Mar, alongside 12 hours of daylight and a high average UV level of nine.

With 77% clear skies and limited rainfall across the month, visitors spending time outdoors at beaches, pools or exploring the city are likely to experience long periods of uninterrupted sunshine.

"When travelling to high-risk destinations with strong UV levels, the most important thing is to understand that sunburn risk isn't driven by temperature alone," said Elizabeth Japal, co-founder and aesthetic practitioner director at The Derma Lab.

"Clear skies, long daylight hours and high UV index levels mean skin can burn quickly, even when it doesn't feel excessively hot.

"Travellers should think in terms of layered protection: sunscreen, clothing, shade, and timing of outdoor activities."



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