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FIP Congress program now live

A PRELIMINARY program for the 2026 International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) Congress is now online, with sessions covering topics such as pharmacy practice and innovation, health systems and more.

The FIP has also reported that abstract submissions have now closed, with a record 1,678 abstracts from 100 different countries received.

See the program and learn more about the Congress **HERE**.

APC welcomes Ahpra 5-year strategy

THE Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) has welcomed and committed to supporting the delivery of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency's (Ahpra) new five-year strategy (PD 18 Mar), describing it as a "strong and timely framework to support public protection, cultural safety and a sustainable health workforce".

The strategy provides clear direction for the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme at a time of significant change across the Australian health system, APC CEO Bronwyn Clark noted.

"As the independent accrediting authority for pharmacy education, APC has a critical role in translating this strategy into practice through education standards, quality assurance and continuous improvement," Clark said.

"We look forward to working closely with Ahpra and National Scheme partners to support the delivery of this ambitious agenda."

A key component of the strategy is workforce sustainability, which APC is strongly committed to delivering, and is already working closely with National Scheme



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partners on accreditation reform as part of this.

APC also welcomed the strategy's strong focus on cultural safety and the elevation of community voices, reflecting its commitment to embedding Indigenous leadership and cultural safety throughout pharmacy education.

"Cultural safety is not an add-on, it must be integral to how future pharmacists are educated and assessed," Clark said.

Strong collaboration across the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme would be

essential to the strategy's success, Clark said, noting that the APC was committed to working closely with Ahpra, the Pharmacy Board of Australia and education providers to ensure that accreditation supports core strategy components.

"APC looks forward to contributing to the delivery of this strategy in the interests of public safety and a trusted, sustainable pharmacy profession," Clark concluded. *KB*

Thanks for all you do

YESTERDAY was the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA)'s 'Thank Your Pharmacist Day', with the Australian public encouraged to recognise, celebrate and thank their pharmacists.

PSA national president, Prof Mark Naunton said the day is an opportunity to acknowledge the breadth of pharmacists' roles and the trust communities place in them every day.

"Thank you to every pharmacist out there, whether you are in community pharmacy, hospital pharmacy, aged care, general practice, defence, academia, industry, you name it."



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New hepatitis C telehealth service

HEPATITIS Australia has today announced the national rollout of the HepLink hepatitis C telehealth service, a new telephone and virtual care service designed to make testing, treatment and support easier than ever.

Funded by the Australian Centre for Disease Control, the service provides information about hepatitis C testing, support to arrange blood tests, virtual clinical consultations, and fast access to prescriptions for curative treatment.

The launch comes as the organisation marks the 10th anniversary of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) listing of world-leading hepatitis C medicines in Mar 2016, which has helped almost 100,000 people beat the disease.

Hepatitis Australia CEO Lucy Clynes said the Federal Government's decision to provide broad, free access to hepatitis C cures was one of the most significant public health reforms in a generation.

"A decade ago, hepatitis C treatment was long, difficult and out of reach for many people - the PBS listing absolutely changed everything," Clynes said.

"Almost 100,000 people have been cured of a virus that can cause cirrhosis, liver failure and liver cancer."

Access HepLink [HERE](#).

Wesfarmers celebrates supplier partnerships

WESFARMERS Health has brought together 300 supplier partners for its 2026 Supplier Forum and Awards event in Melbourne, with York St Brands named Supplier of the Year.

Forum content focused on Wesfarmers Health's customer strategy, including its wholesale business and retail brands, such as Priceline Pharmacy, atomica, InstantScripts Pharmacy Health Hub and Pharmacy4Less.

Attendees heard from senior Wesfarmers Health leaders, including Richard Pearson, chief customer officer; Karly Georgiou, GM merchandise; Alana Cartmill, GM private label, ethicals & replenishment; Corrina Brazel, GM marketing; Leela Sennitt, GM eCommerce & loyalty; and Tim Kemp, EGM pharmacy retail.

Pearson said the forum provided an opportunity to align with suppliers on shared priorities, and reinforced the importance of collaboration in delivering exceptional customer-

centric solutions.

"Our suppliers play a critical role in helping us better serve customers across our brands," he explained.

"In uncertain times, this collaboration becomes even more important, and by working together, we can ensure the customer remains at the centre of our decisions by delivering value, new and exciting products and exceptional service."

The event concluded with the Wesfarmers Health Supplier Awards, celebrating suppliers who "demonstrate excellence in partnership, innovation and execution".

In being named Supplier of the Year, York St Brands was recognised for its strong performance across exclusive brands, collaboration and customer outcomes.

Supplier of the Year category winners were:

- Beauty - Avene (Pierre Fabre)
- Health - Blackmores
- Dispensary - Arrotex



- Supply chain - The Boots Group
- eCommerce - No7 (The Boots Company)
- Loyalty - Kenvue (Johnson & Johnson Pacific)
- Training - Reckitt Benckiser
- Retail media - Procter & Gamble
- Menopause - Opella (Sanofi-Aventis Healthcare)
- Sisterhood - Bayer Australia
- Exclusive brand - Bouf (York St Brands)
- Private label - Glow Consumer Products

Pictured: Karly Georgiou, Craig Schweighoffer (York St Brands), Lisa Schweighoffer (YSB), Richard Pearson, and Raj Ghatge (YSB).

PBAC testosterone knock-back "scientifically and logically flawed"

LAWLEY Pharmaceuticals has confirmed it will seek judicial review of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) decision to not recommend female-specific testosterone AndroFeme 1 for PBS listing (*PD* 12 Feb).

The testosterone cream was approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) in 2020 for the treatment of distressing low libido in

postmenopausal women, medically termed hypoactive sexual desire dysfunction (HSDD).

With last week's publication of the public summary documents outlining the rationale for the PBAC's decision, Lawley's medical director Michael Buckley said he considered the PBAC's refusal to be "scientifically and logically flawed", and ultimately "inequitable to women".

"The PBAC provided no

opposing science, no contrary safety data, no logic and not a shred of evidence to validate this negative decision," Buckley said.

"It's obviously not a pricing issue as we were requesting up to 75% less per day than what the PBS currently pays for some of the eight testosterone products on the PBS for men," he added.

An application for judicial review has been lodged with the Federal Court of Australia.



LEADING THE WAY

Wesfarmers Health Chief Customer Officer **Richard Pearson** on what's in store for the business in 2026.

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Dispensary Corner

VARIETY is the spice of life, they say, but when it comes to weight loss, constancy is your friend.

New research out today has found that sticking to the same meals and eating a consistent number of calories each day may help people lose more weight compared with those who ate a more varied diet.

"Maintaining a healthy diet in today's food environment requires constant effort and self-control," explained lead author Dr Charlotte Hagerman of the Oregon Research Institute in the US.

"Creating routines around eating may reduce that burden and make healthy choices feel more automatic."

Researchers analysed food logs from 112 overweight or obese adults who were enrolled in a structured behavioural weight loss program.

Those who repeated many of the same foods rather than eating a wide variety lost an average of 5.9% of their body weight over a 12-week period, compared with 4.3% among those whose diets were more varied.

"If we lived in a healthier food environment, we might encourage people to have as much variety in their diet as possible," Dr Hagerman said.

"However, our modern food environment is too problematic.

"Instead, people may do best with a more repetitive diet that helps them consistently make healthier choices, even if they might sacrifice some nutritional variety," she suggested.

PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT

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