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Pharmacy Daily today features three pages of industry news, plus a full page from BioCeuticals.

FIP conference program out

THE International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) has released the program for its upcoming World Congress in Montreal, Canada.

Featuring a dynamic mix of plenaries, parallel sessions, and symposia covering the full spectrum of pharmacy, this year's focus is on advancing patient-centred care, strengthening health systems, and improving access to medicines globally.

The event runs from 29 Aug to 02 Sep 2026, with additional tours and other activities scheduled for Thu 03 Sep.

Learn more [HERE](#).

Expanded scope for NT pharmacists

THE Northern Territory Government has announced this morning the continued roll-out of expanded scope of practice, with qualified pharmacists able to diagnose and treat 21 common health conditions.

Amendments to the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulations 2014* will allow pharmacists to prescribe and treat a defined range of conditions, building on the successful rollout of pharmacy-based treatment for urinary tract infections.

Chief Minister Lia Finocchiaro said this delivers on a key election commitment to make everyday healthcare quicker, easier and more affordable for the community.

"This is about restoring our lifestyle, making it simpler for Territorians to access the care they need, when they need it," Finocchiaro said.

Minister for Health Steve Edgington said the initiative would reduce pressure on

primary care services and hospital emergency departments.

"Allowing pharmacists to treat common conditions is a practical step that means Territorians can get fast, convenient care for everyday conditions at their local chemist and frees up GPs for more complex care," Edgington said.

"Our community pharmacists are qualified, experienced and ready to expand their role to provide safe, high-quality additional services," he added.

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia has welcomed the announcement, with national president Professor Trent Twomey noting the changes will improve access to healthcare while easing pressure on GPs and hospital emergency departments.

"Trained community pharmacists will be able to examine, diagnose and treat everyday health conditions like school sores or ear infections and undertake consultations with women to prescribe hormonal contraception. "It means patients can 'think pharmacy first' for treatment of everyday and long-term health conditions," Prof Twomey said.

The Territory's 43 community pharmacies will progressively roll out the new services, with several locations across the jurisdiction ready to begin immediately and more to come in the months ahead.

The NT Government also announced that free vaccination services are being expanded to include children aged two to five years, making it easier for families to stay up to date with immunisations. KB

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RMIT introduces sex-specific curriculum

RMIT University has announced it will integrate a sex-specific curriculum into its undergraduate pharmacy degree, providing students with the knowledge and skills needed to support sex-specific health differences in

clinical practice.

The program recognises that sex-specific differences arising from biological factors such as hormones, metabolism, and body composition, translate to differences in the way diseases present and respond to treatments, which can lead to missed diagnoses and suboptimal care.

Dr Julie Stevens, program manager in RMIT's Discipline of Pharmacy, noted that despite thousands of published studies highlighting sex differences in medicine, sex-specific treatment knowledge has yet to be systematically translated into health professional training.

"Advancing women's health is critical because women represent over half the population, yet their health needs have historically been under-researched," she said.

RMIT deputy vice-chancellor STEM College Catherine Itsiopoulos said the initiative will set a new benchmark for health education and training and how it can, and should, respond to the needs of industry and community.

"This new approach represents a landmark step in allied health education, in being one of the first



instances of formally integrating sex-specific education into an undergraduate allied health degree," she said.

"It reflects RMIT's commitment to advancing education, providing our graduates with the skills they need in the workforce, and improving health outcomes through forward-thinking, evidence-based training."

The university will take a staged approach to integrate the sex-specific curriculum into its pharmacy program, with students in their later years of study the first to adopt the program as they undertake placements, work with clinical professionals and apply their learnings in practice.

It will then be applied across the whole degree, with the university looking to implement sex-specific education into other health and biomedical degrees. *KB*

Pharmacists join med cannabis event

MEDICINAL cannabis distributor Leafio recently hosted an educational event for Gold and Platinum Leafio Loyalty members at the Australian Cannabis Group manufacturing facility in Melbourne.

Combining a rare behind-the-scenes tour of the facility with a keynote and networking reception, the event delivered a practical, clinician-focused learning experience for key pharmacy and health-sector professionals.

Attendees received guided access to manufacturing, curing and small-batch production areas at the facility and observed the processes used to produce edible medicinal cannabis pastilles, as well as the weighing and packaging of medicinal cannabis flower products.

Lisa Penlington (**pictured**), CEO of Cannabis Council Australia, then delivered a keynote address providing an update on the regulatory landscape and practical implications for pharmacists and prescribers.



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Healthy Hormones menopause conference

HEALTHY Hormones, a clinician-led community helping health professionals deliver better care for women during perimenopause and menopause, is holding a one-day conference on Sun 07 Jun.

Combining practical insights with cross-disciplinary discussion, as well as the opportunity to connect with peers, the event will be held in-person in Sydney and livestreamed online.

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Dispensary Corner

DOCTORS in the US are warning that the viral 'Benadryl challenge' has made a comeback, and deliberately overdosing on the medication may have serious consequences.

The social media challenge first appeared in 2020, when people were encouraged to deliberately take too much of the antihistamine and fight the drowsiness in order to eventually enjoy a subsequent high.

However, side effects include high heart rate, arrhythmia and urinary retention that can cause kidney dysfunction.

The challenge has resurfaced this year, leading to the death of one teen in Texas and sending dozens to hospital, including a 14-year-old who had a seizure.

When the videos first appeared on TikTok six years ago, the Food and Drug Administration warned parents and teens of the serious side effects and said they were investigating the reports.

"We also contacted TikTok and strongly urged them to remove the videos from their platform and to be vigilant to remove additional videos that may be posted," the agency added.

It seems the warnings have fallen on deaf ears.

Hospital in home expansion urged

CATHOLIC Health Australia and Bupa have urged the Federal Government to expand hospital in the home services and reform Medicare to give more Australians the option to receive clinically safe, high-quality care in their own homes.

The services, which allow people who need acute care to be treated at home or in another non-hospital setting, are already well-established in many countries and clinically proven, and have potential to help reduce strain on public hospitals - especially as the population ages.

However, access remains limited within Australia, with current Medicare telehealth settings, which prevent doctors from claiming for virtual consultations for patients receiving hospital-level care at home, one of the main barriers to expansion.

Yet data from Australian hospital in the home programs has demonstrated that it can be a safer, more appealing option than staying in hospital, with positive feedback from patients and fewer deaths and returns to hospital.

The two healthcare organisations have collaborated to identify what is needed to make the proposed hospital in the home reforms practical, affordable and sustainable for patients, doctors and hospitals.

In addition to creating new



Medicare telehealth items for the service, proposed reforms include prioritising clinical services suited to home-based care, such as infection treatment and palliative care; ensuring safety and quality standards are the same as delivered in hospitals; outlining minimum service expectations; and funding that covers the real cost of care.

Bupa Health Insurance managing director Kate Williams said it is time to move forward and properly fund hospital in the home services that improve patient choice and ease pressure on hospitals.

"These services are already delivering safe, high-quality outcomes and they should be supported with a clear framework to grow," Williams said.

"Strong clinical oversight should remain central to any expansion to give patients real choice without compromising safety or quality," she added. *KB*

CSL issues profit warning

AT AN address to investors yesterday, CSL acting chief executive Gordon Naylor warned that "outcomes have fallen short of expectations", with net profit for FY25-26 expected to be US\$3.1 billion (A\$4.3 billion), about US\$200 million (A\$275 million less than originally forecast.

The news saw shares plunge by 16% to close at \$100.75.

Naylor, who took the helm after the sudden retirement of previous chief Paul McKenzie (*PD* 12 Feb), conducted a 90-day review of the company, which he noted had revealed some weaknesses.

Behind the shortfalls are stronger competition, market share losses in key immunoglobulin products, failed late-stage research and development projects, and parts of the business not generating strong enough returns.

Nevertheless, Naylor said CSL's core business remains strong, and the company's strategy was not fundamentally changing - the company will retain its focus on plasma therapies, while investing selectively in related rare disease areas.

The company advised its search for a permanent CEO "is progressing as planned".



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