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## Today's issue of PD

*Pharmacy Daily* today features three pages of news, plus full pages from **Eagle Shared Services**.

## Pharmacist earns misconduct ban

A VICTORIAN pharmacist who admitted multiple counts of professional misconduct has been barred from seeking registration for three years.

A Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal heard Daniel Soong's misconduct included failing to store Schedule 8 medicines appropriately, knowingly creating false records of S8 poisons, and being in possession of controlled substances in breach of state legislation.

## Cash flow support

KEEPING track of your finances is critical to your pharmacy's success.

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# 7CPA falls short of CHF expectations

THE Seventh Community Pharmacy Agreement (7CPA) offers little for patients to cheer about, the Consumers' Health Forum (CHF) believes.

Commenting on the finer details of the 7CPA, which were released last week - a week after the deal was signed by the Federal Government, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) - CHF CEO, Leanne Wells, said the agreement was "well short of the ideal" the consumer lobby group had sought.

Wells said the CHF was disappointed not to have been invited to play a significant role in negotiations over the five-year deal between the Government and pharmacy owners.

"Pharmacies are the most common point of contact between consumers and the health system, yet the Government and the Guild have declined to accept a place for the consumers at negotiations for the agreement," she said.

"For the first time, the agreement includes the PSA as a signatory, which is welcome broadening of input.

"The new agreement does include



provision for the government to involve CHF in consultations, but this is well short of the ideal we sought.

"CHF has recommended reforms to place pharmacy on a more consumer-responsive basis including clearer information on medicine pricing and services offered as well as separating payments for professional services from the rest of the agreement.

"The response to these proposals has been minimal.

"Despite the repeated recommendations of Government inquiries and reviews, there has been no real governance reform.

"As a result there is little in this agreement - despite its central role in transactions with consumers - that would support contemporary realities of consumer expectations and technological change."

In its assessment of the 7CPA, the CHF said the agreement "does not provide a platform for any real reform of the community pharmacy sector" and "does little to integrate pharmacists into the primary health care system".

However, Wells said one positive from the deal was the enhancements to the Closing the Gap initiatives.

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6th Community Pharmacy Agreement



## Door opens for Doctor of Pharmacy

**PHARMACY** students may one day be completing Doctor of Pharmacy programs at Australian universities, with a clause in the Seventh Community Pharmacy Agreement (7CPA) opening the door for the development of new courses.

Clause 12.4 of the 7CPA between the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and the Federal Government, states, "the signatories agree to take all reasonable steps available to them to enable the holder of an Australian Qualifications Framework Level 9 Masters Degree (extended) in pharmacy to be treated by exemption as a Level 10 qualification similar to the treatment of other health professions covered under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme".

Council of Pharmacy Schools of Australia and New Zealand (CPS) President, Professor Peter Little

(pictured), welcomed the inclusion of the clause, noting it was one of a number of issues the Council has been looking at with a view to strengthening the future of pharmacy education and creating a workforce that is ready to work to its full scope of practice.

"CPS was very pleased to see that the Government and the Guild could see the value in that for the future of the pharmacy profession," he said.

"There's quite a lot of work to be done and there's quite a lot of processes to be followed to achieve that outcome, and we also need to bring along with use the Australian Pharmacy Council and the Pharmacy Board of Australia, as well as the whole profession.

"[The clause] opens the door for the processes that have been going along to continue."

Little noted that the quality of pharmacy education in Australia



is of a high standard, with three Australian schools of pharmacy or pharmaceutical science in the top 20 globally.

However, he said the introduction of a Doctor of Pharmacy qualification would ensure the reciprocity of people who get Australian degrees to work overseas, while making the prospect of studying pharmacy in Australia more attractive to students from around the world.

## La Roche-Posay acne range

**SKINCARE** specialist brand, La Roche-Posay, has launched a new range of acne products.

The La Roche-Posay Effaclar collection formulated with a physiological pH, micro-peeling purifying gel, which "respects the skin barrier", while effectively micro-exfoliating thick layers of skin, such as the back and chest areas.

All About Acne Co-chair, Dr Jo-Ann See, said, "Effective cleansing removes excess sebum, bacteria, dead skin cells and pollution that contribute to causing acne."

"Micro-exfoliation in cleansing helps remove not only excess sebum, but also dead skin cells that can block the follicle and in turn unclog the congested pore," she said.

## Pharmacist COVID deaths mount

**THE** list of pharmacists whose lives have been cut short by the global COVID-19 crisis is continuing to grow, with three additional deaths added to the International Pharmaceutical Federation's memorial webpage overnight.

To date COVID-19 has been linked to the deaths of 43 pharmacists around the world.

Pharmacists in Spain have reported the highest number of losses (19), followed by Italy (11), Turkey (five) and the UK



(four), while Belgium and China have recorded the passing of one pharmacist each, due to the pandemic.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the full list.

## NY follows Qld's COVID vax plan lead

**PHARMACISTS** in New York will be used to administer a COVID-19 vaccine should one become available, in a move that mirrors plans announced by Queensland State Government ([PD 14 Apr](#)).

New York State Governor, Andrew Cuomo, signed legislation last week adding COVID-19 to the list of illnesses against which pharmacists can provide immunisations against.

A joint statement from the National Association of Chain

Drug Stores (NACDS) CEO, Steve Anderson and the Community Pharmacy Association of New York State President, Mike Dureau, welcomed the move.

"The H1N1 pandemic of 2009 taught the critical lesson that pharmacies and pharmacists play an irreplaceable role in vaccination campaigns, and since that time patients have come to know that they can obtain more and more of their vaccinations safely and conveniently at the pharmacy," they said.



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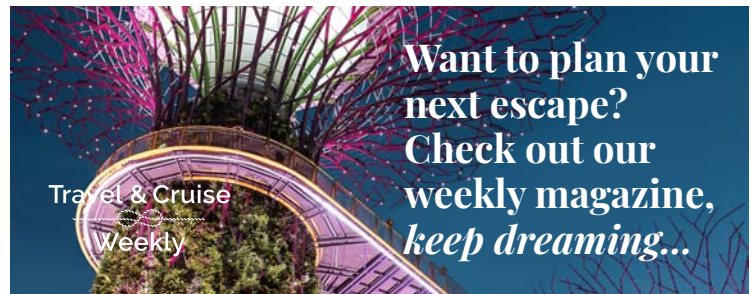
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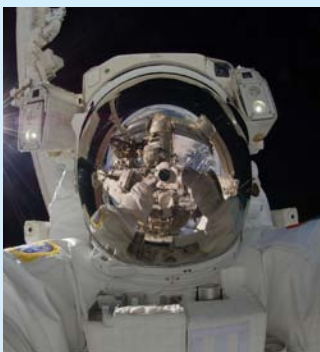
## Dispensary Corner

**EITHER** sleeping in space is a little more challenging than on Earth, or astronauts are light sleepers, if the findings of a study of medication use on the International Space Station are any indication.

Research published in the journal *Aerospace Medicine and Human Performance* earlier this year found medication consumption by astronauts in space was higher than on Earth, with zolpidem the most frequently taken drug, followed by mild painkillers including ibuprofen.

The study collected data from six crew members using a mobile app to record every time they took a pill, the name of the drug, the indication they were taking the medication for and whether they thought it worked.

While astronauts reached for sleeping pills more than any other type of medication, the efficacy of the drug seems to have been less than on Earth, with data showing they often took a second dose in the middle of the night - whenever that is in space.



## Pride of Adv Pharmacy

**PHARMACY** owner, Veronica Nou's tireless efforts to support refugees settling in Australia, has been recognised at the NSW Humanitarian Awards.

Nou (**pictured**), who is the proprietor of Advantage Pharmacy Oxley Park, was named as Refugee Supporter of the year, for her role as National Convenor of Mums4Refugees.

On top of campaigning for refugee rights and welfare, visiting families in detention, and delivering low-cost groceries, Nou also offers her skills as a pharmacist to provide free ongoing medication reviews to asylum seekers.

"This incredibly meaningful award represents so much," she said.

"From the child refugee escaping genocide in Cambodia, to the confused and troubled teenager trying to figure out her place in Australia, and now a grown woman working in the best possible company at Mum4Refugees, with the Refugee Council of Australia, STARTTS and other amazing refugee advocacy organisations, this makes



crystal clear the value of the work we all do together.

"It's only because of the determined, brilliant, hardworking people around me who give so much every day, supporting people seeking a new life in safety, that makes it possible for someone like me to have come so far and give back in turn."

Advantage Pharmacy CEO, Steven Kastrinakis, said the group was "very proud and inspired by Veronica's hard work, passion and selfless contribution to campaigning and lobbying for refugee rights".

"At Advantage we're passionate about working to build stronger and healthier communities," he said.

### Win with Plunkett's

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## Guild Update

### Internet boost

**IN APRIL**, the Federal Government announced NBN Co would be supporting the delivery of enhanced telehealth services by upgrading to 50Mbps download and 20Mbps upload connections at no extra cost for a period of six months.

The Pharmacy Guild has successfully advocated for the inclusion of community pharmacists onto the list of eligible health professionals. This will enable community pharmacies with a residential 12/1 Mbps or 25/5Mbps to secure an upgrade via their retail service provider to access extra bandwidth to support increased online activity at no additional cost.

The telehealth speed boost offer is due to end in September.

What does a pharmacy need to do to access this offer?

1. Check if your pharmacy is using a residential 12/1 Mbps or 25/5Mbps package, and if so, it is eligible for an upgrade under this offer
2. Check with your NBN Retail Service Provider (RSP) if they are one of the 24 RSPs and if so, contact them about your pharmacy's upgrade under COVID Business Relief Package.

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