

Rare Gardasil hypersensitivity

ONLY three cases of hypersensitivity to Gardasil have been confirmed by allergists from Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital, who evaluated 25 girls who experienced urticaria, rash or angioedema after receiving the quadravalent HPV vaccine in 07.

Skin prick tests, clinical review and vaccine rechallenge tests indicated that three of the girls had a hypersensitivity to Gardasil, which contains yeast and aluminium.

"Our data suggest that true hypersensitivity to the quadravalent vaccine is uncommon & that suspected hypersensitivity reactions such as urticaria are often idiosyncratic and not usually a contraindication to further vaccination," the authors said in this week's *BMJ*.

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Bill to enhance TG Act

THE Federal Government has agreed to implement a reform agenda to update and streamline the regulatory framework for therapeutic goods in Australia.

The agenda will focus on a wide range of regulatory reforms that were developed and consulted on, in July and August, as part of the legislation associated with the proposed Australia New Zealand Therapeutic Products Authority (ANZTPA).

As the first step of the reforms, a Bill was introduced this week to the Senate by Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing, Jan McLucas.

The Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Medical Devices and

Other Measures) Bill 2008 will expand the range of information about therapeutic goods that can be released to the public and will also apply more consistency to the regulation of advertisements that include restricted representations.

It will also allow medical devices to be exempted in certain circumstances from provisions in the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989, which will allow medical devices to be stockpiled in case of emergencies.

The European Pharmacopoeia or the United States Pharmacopoeia will be adopted as additional default standards under the Act.

New Revlon GM

ROB Garratt has been appointed the new General Manager - Revlon, Australia and New Zealand.

He has worked at Revlon for 28 years including his current role as commercial director.

As GM, he will be responsible for strategy, financial results and leading the business team.

Napoleon TV series

AUSTRALIAN makeup artist Napoleon Perdis is to star in a reality television show in the US as he searches for his protégé.

Get Your Face On will feature 12 aspiring makeup artists competing for the chance to work with him in Hollywood.

Cricket challenge

THE second National Pharmacy Cricket Carnival will be played 21-24 Jan 2009 in Adelaide.

Pharmacy teams from Qld, NSW, Vic, Tas, SA and WA will participate, with games in the grounds of Adelaide University, St Peter's College and the Barossa Valley's Chateau Tanunda.

Pharmacy Cricket is sponsored by a range of pharmacy industry suppliers - more information at www.pharmacycricket.com.au.

Kylie scent promo

KYLIE Minogue will make a public appearance at Myer Sydney City next Thursday to promote her fourth fragrance, Kylie Minogue Sexy Darling.

Win The Lift Serum

EACH day this week *Pharmacy Daily* has been giving subscribers the chance to win a bottle of The Lift Serum from Naked Glow, courtesy of **Total Beauty Network**, and today is the last chance to enter!

The Lift Serum delivers instant tightening, line filling, line softening and skin firming.

Long term it works to improve skin health and firmness and soften deep wrinkles.

To be in the running to win a bottle, simply send your answer to the below question to: comp@pharmacydaily.com.au.

Name two other products in the Naked Glow line.

The first person to answer correctly will win.

HINT: Go to www.tbn.com.au and click on the Naked Glow logo at the top of the page.

Congratulations to Joyce Cooper of the University of Newcastle who was yesterday's winner.



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THAT creepy feeling may be contagious.

Researchers at New York's Stony Brook University have discovered that humans can actually smell fear - and spread the feeling to other people.

They carried out a very creative experiment which involved collecting the perspiration of novice skydivers.

Volunteers who inhaled the fear-ridden sweat experienced more brain activity in areas associated with terror, than those who breathed in a non-fear contaminated sample.

The scientists said the findings confirm the belief that panic can spread throughout passengers on a bus or plane.

The research was funded by the United States military, raising speculation that pheromones could be used to induce terror in opposing troops.

MORE than 130,000 inflatable breasts have been lost at sea by 'lad's magazine' *Ralph*, which was planning to include them as a novelty gift in its Jan issue.

A *Ralph* spokeswoman said the container left Beijing two weeks ago, but was empty when it arrived in Sydney this week.

The publication has issued a global shipping alert for the missing items and urged anyone with more information to contact the magazine.

"Unless Somali pirates have stolen them it is difficult to explain where they are," said editor Santi Pintado.

"If anyone finds any washed up on a beach, please let us know," he added.

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