

## Fever may be UTI

YOUNG children presenting with fever but no localising signs are likely to have a urinary tract infection, according to a US study.

Since the introduction of routine pneumococcal vaccination, researchers say the frequency of occult bacteraemia, a common cause of fever, has dropped dramatically.

"Bacteraemia with a pathogen has gone from one in every 14 children assessed to one in 275 children," said the researchers in *Archives of Diseases of Childhood*.

## Naked Kiss up for grabs!

**CONGRATULATIONS to Fiona Rice of The Pharmacy Guild of Australia (NSW Branch)** who was the first *Pharmacy Daily* subscriber yesterday to tell us that Naked Kiss increases moisture by 60 percent.

Each day this week *Pharmacy Daily* is giving you the chance to win this great Lip

Plumping product from from Naked Kiss, courtesy of **Total Beauty Network**

This product enhances your lips in minutes and lasts for 3-6 hours.

Each lip product includes unique blends of naturally derived oils and extracts selected from Jojoba, Avocado, Macadamia, Aloe Vera, Ginger, Mango, Black Current and Shea Butter.

These premium natural ingredients protect against dryness and smooth away cracks.

To win, send your answer to the below question to:

[comp@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:comp@pharmacydaily.com.au).

**How much is fullness increased by?**

The first person to answer correctly each day will win.

**HINT:** Go to [www.tbn.com.au](http://www.tbn.com.au) and click on the Naked Kiss logo at the top of the page.



## API cuts ahead of 18 Jul

API says it doesn't expect its customers to suffer any supply disruption for products in the lead-up to the PBS reforms which take effect 01 Aug.

The wholesaler has written to its pharmacist customers confirming that as of this week it's already reduced the prices of PBS lines supplied by Sandoz, Apotex, Winthrop, Genepharm and Bellwether Pharma.

And on 18 Jul it will reduce the price of all other affected PBS products in the F2A and F2 categories.

API group gm pharmacy Richard Vincent told *PD* yesterday the move should remove any uncertainty for pharmacists, and means they don't need to monitor the special Guild 18 Jul website (*PD* Tue) for updates.

"You can order all PBS products from API with confidence," he

## Kava goes on trial

KAVA is being trialled by Queensland University researchers as a treatment for anxiety and depression, in the first Australian clinical trial of the natural drug.

Traditionally used by Polynesian islanders, kava has been taken as a natural mood-enhancer for thousands of years.

It became a prohibited substance last year and is imported only for medicinal and scientific purposes.



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## DISPENSARY CORNER

THERE'S money in dead mosquitos, apparently.

A Shanghai man who set up a website selling the squashed insects claims to have received more than 10,000 orders in just two days.

It's not clear whether people ordering them are planning to use them for some sort of traditional remedy, but they're paying as much as 6 yuan (A\$1) for each dead mosquito.

An ad on the site reads: "Truly killed by human hands. Can be used for science studies, decoration, and collection."

**GROUNDBREAKING** Sydney University research has found that Wednesday is the most depressing day of the week.

The investigation into the common phenomenon of 'Mondayitis' found that in fact Wednesday was the low point of the week, rather than Monday.

However variations through the week were minor, with study leader Professor Charles Areni saying "Day-of-the-week stereotypes like Monday morning blues and Thank God It's Friday are largely illusions."

**BUYING** miniature versions of snacks doesn't help people lose weight, according to a *New Scientist* report this week.

Scientists at Tilburg University in Holland examined the behaviour of weight-conscious students, who were offered the choice of a large bag of chips and several smaller ones.

Most opened the small packets, but ended up eating twice as much as those who opened the bigger ones.

said, adding that he was "pleased that API has been able to work through the situation and come up with a solution that supports the Guild position."

## 'Pre-quit' patch

GLAXOSMITHKLINE will shortly launch a world first in Australia, with a pharmacy-only 'Nicabate Pre-Quit' nicotine patch.

It's actually the existing 21mg patch but packaged in a new way with the aim of 'easing' smokers into a cessation attempt as they wear it for two weeks while continuing to smoke.

Renee Bittoun, director of the Smoking Cessation Unit at the Brain and Mind Research Institute, said the new approach has major potential, particularly in encouraging quitting amongst hard-core smokers.

"They can build familiarity with the patch while continuing to smoke in the initial phase," she said.

A recent meta-analysis confirmed the effectiveness of the approach, which GSK claims can triple the long-term chance of quitting compared to cold turkey.

The Nicabate Pre-Quit patch is the first offering in the world to be indicated and promoted for use while continuing to smoke.

GSK reps will be speaking about the product to pharmacists from next week, and it will be launched to the public in Sep.

## HOT Travel Deals

WELCOME to *Pharmacy Daily's* travel feature.

Each week we highlight a couple of great travel deals which we're sure will be of interest to everyone in the pharmacy industry.

Can't afford Virgin Galactic? Here's the next best thing! Flight Centre has a 5 day trip to Russia for all those people who wanted to be an astronaut when they grew up. Explore and experience space simulators, learn to eat food in space, view the hydrolab and put on an Orlan-DMA Space suit for an afternoon of training. You will get to experience some of the procedures real cosmonauts run through before venturing into space and completing Vestibular Training. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Prices start from \$9480pp for land

only. For more details see [www.flightcentre.com.au](http://www.flightcentre.com.au).

Beyond Travel have released their 2009 Eastern Europe, Croatia and Russian touring itineraries. Great prices on tours such as the 6 day 'Little Tour of Russia' from \$2101pp. Many more tours available visit [www.beyondtravel.com.au](http://www.beyondtravel.com.au).

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