

TGA 10% fee boost

A 10% increase in Therapeutic Goods Administration fees and charges for registered non-prescription medicines will take effect from tomorrow.

The increase exceeds the agreed indexation model, which is applied each year in its annual review of fees and charges, but is less than the originally proposed 19% increase.

The TGA said that when it was formulating its budgets it found it needed to boost the fees in order to achieve full cost recovery, but has agreed to phase the increases over two years to minimise the impact on the industry.

Because the increases exceed the indexation model, the TGA conducted a Cost Recovery Impact Statement, which is now available on the TGA website at www.tga.gov.au.

Naked Kiss up for grabs!

EACH day this week **Pharmacy Daily** is giving you the chance to win this great Lip Plumping product 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 Currant and Shea Butter.

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

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

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Name the colours the lip treatment comes in.

The first person to answer correctly each day will win.

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



Pharmacists not trusted!

PHARMACISTS are less trusted than doctors and GPs, and only slightly more trustworthy than telephone helplines, according to a survey of parents in Melbourne.

The study, conducted by the Royal Children's Hospital and published in the *Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health*, asked 360 parents who they trust as a source of information about their children's health.

Respondents rated hospital doctors and GPs most highly (82% and 73% respectively).

Sensipar access for SHPT

SENSIPAR, a chronic kidney disease therapy, will be available to patients on dialysis from 01 Jul.

The medication is designed for dialysis patients living with secondary hyperparathyroidism. Kidney Health Australia estimates 10,000 Australians are on dialysis, and 35 per cent of these have SHPT disease.

TB drug for anxiety

SYDNEY'S Brain and Mind Research Institute is undertaking a study in which it will treat patients suffering social anxiety using tuberculosis antibiotic drug D-Cycloserine.

A recent trial had shown the drug improved receptiveness to cognitive behaviour therapy.

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Pharmacists rated 45% - about the same as nurse-staffed telephone helplines (42%).

Only 10% of respondents rated the internet as a reliable source of health information.

New health group

A NEW peak body for primary health was launched on Fri, representing 19 organisations and more than 100,000 frontline health professionals.

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia and the Pharmacy Guild are both members of the National Primary Health Care Partnership, which is chaired by former ACT Chief Minister and pharmacist Kate Carnell.

The NPHCP welcomed the government's commitment to implementing a long term primary health care strategy for Australia.

Measles soaring

PARENTS are being urged to have their children immunised after a tenfold surge in cases of measles in NSW this year.

"We are seeing cases in infants less than 12 months of age who are not yet due for immunisation," said NSW Health director of communicable diseases Jeremy McNulty.

The total number of cases in NSW so far this year is 38, compared to just three in 2007.

RGH Pharmacy

Due to popular demand the **RGH Pharmacy Anticoagulation Handbook** is now available to the pharmacy industry across Australia.

The handbook gives patients important information about warfarin treatment and has a chart to record INR results.

Repatriation General Hospital is making it available for purchase for \$2.80 per booklet, reduced to \$2.40 for PSA and SHPA members.

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DISPENSARY CORNER

GROUNDBREAKING scientific research is being undertaken by global confectionery giant Mars, which hopes to track down the flavour genes in chocolate by analysing the cocoa genome.

The company has joined with IBM and the US Department of Agriculture for the US\$10m project, with the stated aim of working out new ways to treat crop diseases and protect the world's cocoa supply.

Critics say the research could lead to genetically modified products made from what they describe as 'Frankencocoa'.

A FULL English breakfast is being cited as the secret to long life by a 105-year-old UK man.

Douglas Terrey says he's eaten a greasy fry-up every morning for at least 91 years, including a sausage, two eggs, four rashers of bacon and two slices of toast.

He said he started the habit as a teenager, saying "I would go to work on a good breakfast and I knew I wouldn't get hungry."

"I think this kind of food is wholesome - like the food we used to have in the old days," Terrey said.

THOUSANDS of razor blades are set to be sold in Spain today after the country's soccer team won the Euro 2008 football championship overnight with a 1-0 victory against Germany.

Madrid's *Marca* newspaper has been urging fans to "Shave yourself with us" if the team wins, last week saying more than 10,000 had pledged to go bald on an online petition.

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