



Scleroderma screening service

A NATIONWIDE screening service for scleroderma, a rare and incurable autoimmune disorder, has been established across Australia.

Dr Susanna Proudman, Senior Consultant Rheumatologist, Royal Adelaide Hospital said the development places Australia at the cutting edge of scleroderma management, with a multi-system approach involving a variety of specialists who have set up the network of screening centres.

Patients are rallying together to raise awareness about the disease during Scleroderma Awareness Month.

Scleroderma is a chronic disease in which a person's immune system attacks itself.

RGH bulletin

THIS week's edition of the RGH pharmacy e-bulletin includes information on the Special Access Scheme, a mechanism that allows individual patients to gain limited access to unapproved therapeutic goods in Australia.

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MGF supports diabetes

THE Macquarie Group Foundation has committed \$2.2 million to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to support research into type-1 diabetes.

JDRF CEO Mike Wilson said the partnership was a first for Australia and a big step forward for diabetes research.

A key feature of the new partnership is the development of a national framework to guide future type-1 diabetes research in Australia.

"The partnership will help integrate the multiple research and clinical disciplines involved

with this complicated condition and encourage research innovation," Mr Wilson said.

"We believe that the development of a solid research framework and provision of ongoing targeted funding will bring swift and significant progress, which will have international implications for both researchers and the type-1 diabetes community."

Bayer to acquire Sagmel OTC

BAYER HealthCare has signed an agreement with US-based Sagmel Inc to acquire their OTC brand portfolio and related assets.

Sagmel operates its business in Russia, Belarus, Ukraine and Kazakhstan and other countries in the Commonwealth of Independent States, with a portfolio including Theraflex, Nazol, Calcemin, Theravit and Jungle.

The acquisition will substantially increase Bayer Consumer Care's presence in the CIS market.

Cannabis helps memory loss

NEW cannabis-based treatments may improve memory loss in Alzheimer's sufferers.

Tests show that one of the 400 compounds in the drug can significantly slow memory problems caused by the disease.

Scientists yesterday revealed their findings in London at a symposium of cannabis experts hosted by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

They have called for human trials after researchers from Israel and Spain successfully conducted tests on mice.

Asthma treatment study released

PATIENTS with very mild or well-controlled asthma have significantly better day-to-day lung function when treated with regular low-dose ICS, according to a Sydney study.

The 11-month study compared the effects of inhaled corticosteroids (ICS) and placebo on asthma control in mild asthmatics.

The results raise questions about the current emphasis in asthma treatment which is based largely on controlling symptoms, and which does not advocate ICS treatment for patients with symptoms two days a week or less.

Results also indicated that a "ceiling" effect for lung function does not exist.

Even patients whose lung function is over 90% of predicted normal value may have room to further improve their personal best with treatment, say researchers at the Woolcock Institute of Medical Research.

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**2008 Pharmacy Practice Foundation Council
Call for Nominations**

The Foundation is calling for nominations for Council & Executive Committee positions.

Voting will take place at the Annual General Meeting of the Pharmacy Practice Foundation Office, Faculty of Pharmacy on **Wednesday 26 March 2008 at 7.30 pm**

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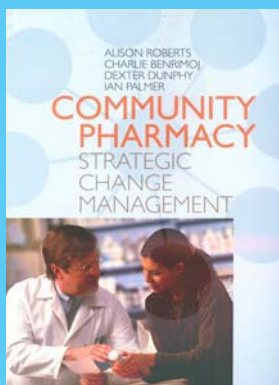
Community Pharmacy: Strategic Change Management has hit the book shelves!

The book, which covers the essential trends and issues in successful pharmacy management for today and the future has been written by S.I. (Charlie) Benrimoj, Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Sydney; Alison Roberts, a research fellow in the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Sydney; Dexter Dunphy, Distinguished Professor and Ian Palmer, Associate Dean (Research) and Professor of Management at the Faculty of Business, University of Technology, Sydney.

The book will help community pharmacists and pharmacy owners adapt to an increasingly competitive retail environment by providing industry-specific tools for change.

Key features include authentic pharmacy case studies, development by world leading authorities utilising the latest research and balanced coverage with theoretical insights and practical focus.

The book is highly suitable for pharmacy students, providing the knowledge and skills for best practice in community pharmacy - [click here to view a list of bookstores stocking the publication.](#)



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Clarins is launching four products: HydraQuench Cream for normal to dry skin and HydraQuench Cooling Cream-Gel for normal to combined skin or hot climates, providing multi-level hydrating and protective action.

HydraQuench Intensive Serum Bi-Phase and HydraQuench Rich Cream for cold climates soothes and nourishes even the most dehydrated skin.

RRP: \$68 - \$74

Stockist: Clarins

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Light up the dark

Donna Karan's DKNY Delicious Night is an electric rush of a New York City night captured in an iconic apple bottle of melding shades of moonlit purple. The scent is a passionate cocktail of chilled pomelo, blackberry martini and blooming florals, simmered with amber and black incense.

RRP: \$72 - \$125

Stockist: DKNY

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Veggie feast for faces

The rejuvenating power of 26 minerals from the Dead Sea Mud is harnessed with all the goodness of vegetables and their oils by saying Yes to Carrots' C the Difference Exfoliating and Soothing Mud Mask. For some extra exfoliating action, advise customers to remove the mask with a washcloth.

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Fun wipes to go

Oops Kids Clean-up Wipes by Swisspers are formulated to gently remove pen, ink, paint, play dough and glue from children's hands and faces. The wipes come in a pack of 15 and are ideal for the home, school or play bags.

RRP: \$2.95

Stockist: Swisspers

www.swisspers.com.au

Touch-up tidy

For a speedy make-up refresh the Australis Touché kit (RRP \$16.95) is an uncomplicated palette of 24 eye shadows, three blushes, one mascara, three lip glosses, two lipsticks and make-up applicators, all housed in a handy slide out palette. Keep in the car glovebox or your handbag.

RRP: \$16.95

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Tel: 1300 650 981



DISPENSARY CORNER

AN unhappy accident has ruined a long-awaited romantic liaison for a morbidly obese US man.

Manuel Uribe is bedridden and used to weigh almost half a tonne, but after a heavy diet lasting two years has lost 200kg, and was hoping to celebrate with his girlfriend.

Arrangements for the date included a fork-lift to carry Manuel out of the house on his bed, and a flat-bed truck to take him to a party.

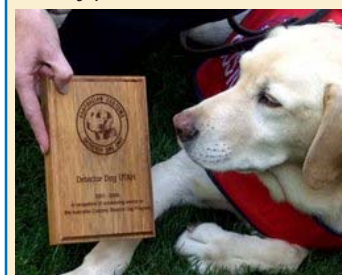
Unfortunately, half-way there one of the posts holding a tarpaulin over his bed hit an overpass, leading to the celebration's cancellation.

He now hopes to go out with his girlfriend again on 11 Jun, when he turns 43.

ONE of Australia's top dog experts was honoured in a special ceremony at Parliament House in Canberra yesterday.

Customs dog Utah is set to retire after 7 years on the job, during which he was responsible for detecting more than 150kg of illicit drugs including heroin, marijuana and cocaine.

Minister for Home Affairs Bob Debus described Utah as the "\$27 million dog" because one of his finds included 400,000 ecstasy pills, worth \$27m.



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