

HIV tablet for kids

KALETRA (Iopinavir/ritonavir) will be available on 01 Dec on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

As the only co-formulated protease inhibitor tablet approved for use in children with HIV, the lower-strength formulation is more convenient than the current oral solution, is easy to take and requires no refrigeration.

The oral solution of Kaletra will still remain available in Australia.

"The real benefit will be seen in developing countries where the majority of children with HIV/AIDS live worldwide," said Professor Dominic Dwyer, Medical Virologist at the Centre for Infectious Diseases and Microbiology, Westmead Hospital.

Management dip.

REGISTRATIONS for the Diploma of Management at the Victorian College of Pharmacy close on 16 Feb.

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No ibuprofen/codeine change

THE National Drugs and Poisons Schedule Committee has deferred a decision on reducing pack sizes of ibuprofen/codeine combo medications.

Smaller S2 sizes and an S3 pack

Blackmores in bulk

BLACKMORES is launching 5 new bulk packs to the market this week, including Glucosamine 1000 now in a pack of 300, Glucosamine 1500 now available in a 180 pack, Total Calcium Magnesium + D3 in a pack of 200, Vitamin D3 in a pack of 200 & Lyp-Sine now in available in a pack of 100.

On yer bike!

PHARMACIST John Dowling is cycling 350km from Launceston to Hobart in the Tas Police Charity Trust to raise funds for Down's Syndrome - call John at Coventry's Pharmacy on (03) 6426 1102.

size limit were foreshadowed at the last NDPSC meeting in Jun, at which time the committee also formed a Codeine Working Party to review the availability of all OTC codeine combinations.

In the record of the NDPSC's Oct meeting released today the committee said it now expects to make recommendations, including on the definition of "compounded", at its Feb meeting.

Men's health policy

THE federal govt has plans to develop Australia's first National Men's Health Policy, with several men's health ambassadors to be appointed to help engage Aussie males in this task and spur local groups to hold discussions.

Health Minister Nicola Roxon yesterday released an information paper and summary of the major health issues for Australian men. See www.health.gov.au.

New for sun safety

NEW products have been introduced to the Cancer Council Australia sun protection range, including foaming sunscreen, new Active sunscreen ideal for outdoor use and Ezi-clip sunscreens (handy 50ml bottles that clip onto belts, handbags, school bags etc).

For the full range visit www.cancer.org.au.

New ASMI member

THE Australian Self-Medication Industry (ASMI) has welcomed Valeant Pharmaceuticals as its newest member.

Valeant manufactures a range of products focussed in the areas of neurology & dermatology, and recently acquired DermaTech which saw Valeant expand its OTC range to include DermaVeen & DermaDrate (PD 17 Nov).

Benefits of OTC

EXPERTS at last week's ASMI conference emphasised the public health benefits of OTC medicines, such as the role OTC products have played in reducing smoking rates in Australia.

Research on OTC approaches to quitting smoking such as nicotine patches & lozenges "has shown its wide availability has helped tens of thousands of Australians quit smoking", said Professor Carroll from UNSW.

WIN Australis 21st Anniversary collector lipsticks!



Pucker up ladies - it's time to party! Australis is turning 21 this year, and to mark the occasion has teamed up with *Pharmacy Daily* to give readers the chance to win a set of its recently launched limited edition range of collectors lipsticks.

These lipsticks are not only in the most popular shades for Summer 2008, but they also capture colours from the passing decades.

The collection includes Disco Fever, High School Sweet Heart, 21 Diamonds, Demure, Bathing Beauty and Red Carpet.

Each lipstick retails for \$12.95, but to receive the whole collection FREE, be the first to email the correct answer to this question:

In the FAQ section of the Australis cosmetics website, what is the rule with eyeshadow, should I match my outfit?

Send your answer through to comp@pharmacydaily.com.au and the first correct entry will win the prize, so hurry!

Tip: Visit the Australis website www.australiscosmetics.com.au
CONGRATULATIONS to Kim Malkin of Boehringer Ingelheim who was yesterday's lucky winner.

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Three-steps blood profile

Roche Diagnostics' Accutrend Plus is an all-in-one hand-held device for measuring major cardiovascular disease risk parameters. In three easy steps it can check total cholesterol, glucose, triglycerides and lactate - all from a single drop of blood.

RRP: \$299

Stockist: Roche Diagnostics

Tel: 1800 645 619



Cool kids gel strips

No refrigeration is required for these Fever Reliever cooling gel strips, so they are ready to use at any time. Designed to help soothe fevers, toothache, headache and muscle pain for up to 10 hours, the self-adhesive strips absorb heat quickly away from the body and can safely be used with traditional medications.

RRP: \$9.95 (pack of six)

Stockist: KidsColdPacks

Tel: (02) 9980 6384

Sun care for sensitive faces

Le Tan SPF 30+ Face Lotion is non-greasy and fragrance-free to suit sensitive facial skin. It won't interfere with make-up and contains cera toco, which has high levels of vitamin E for maximum skin hydration and moisturisation. The handy 75ml tube provides three hours water-resistance.

RRP: \$9.99

Stockist: Creative Brands

Tel: 1300 650 981



Glam in a minute

Rimmel's 60 Seconds Nail Polish range offers 26 top fashion shades and dries in one minute. Perfect for those who get ready at the last second, the polishes dry fast to produce a smooth finish. The new brush also gives better coverage.

RRP: \$7.95

Stockist: Coty

Tel: 1800 812 663

Go for gold

Parfums Art Déco introduces Orient Gold, a modern variant to its classic Orient fragrance. Created and made in France exclusively for Simes, Orient Gold's appeal lies in its floral, citrus and spicy notes with a musk and sandalwood base.

RRP: \$35

Stockist: Parfumerie Simes

Tel: 1800 804 918



DISPENSARY CORNER

OBESITY crisis? What obesity crisis?

A US company is selling franchises to what it's calling the "hottest food concept in America today".

The Heart Attack Grill has trademarked its range of burgers - the single bypass, double bypass, triple bypass and the whopping big quadruple bypass burger (pictured right).

The products are promoted with the tag line 'Taste Worth Dying For' and the meals are



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made complete with 'Flatliner Fries' which are, of course "Deep Fried in PURE LARD!"

The stores also sell Lucky Strike No Filter Cigarettes.

See www.heartattackgrill.com.

AND speaking of obesity, a television station in Croatia is being sued by a woman after she was unwittingly filmed and later featured in a documentary about overweight shoppers in the capital Zagreb.

40-year-old Gordana Knezic is claiming \$25000 in damages, saying she "absolutely staggered when I turned on the TV to see myself in a film about fat people.

"I want to show that attacks on human dignity like this cannot be tolerated," she said.

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