

## Eye shadow winner

THANKS to everyone who entered last week's Designer Brands competition.

Congratulations to Karyn Lovatsis of Avita Medical Ltd, who was the first PD reader on Fri to tell us the incredible price of the Auto Eye Shadow is \$6.99.

Karyn will be sent her very own Auto Eye Shadow, courtesy of Total Beauty Network.

## New MATES module

THE latest client brochure in the Veterans' Medicines Advice and Therapeutics Education Services program provides info about the benefits of Dose Administration Aids - [dva.gov.au](http://dva.gov.au).

## Blackmores recall

BLACKMORES is recalling three batches of its Sustained Release C Tablets, 200s pack size, due to a packaging error which saw some of the bottles incorrectly labelled as Bio C Chewable tablets.

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## APC issues CMI warning

THE Australian Pharmacy Council says it's concerned that Pharmacy Registering Authorities around the country are receiving calls from consumers worried they haven't been provided with essential information about medications dispensed for them.

APC President Elizabeth Frost said that providing Consumer Medicine Information is "essential to promoting the quality use of medicines to patients."

"When a prescription is dispensed, the pharmacist should be satisfied that the patient understands how to use the medication correctly."

"This includes the pharmacist counselling the patient or the patient's agent and/or providing written information," she said.

Since 01 Dec 05 incentive payments of 10c per subsidised script have been paid to

pharmacists, and Frost warned that if pharmacies aren't giving CMI's "they are receiving payment for an activity that has not been completed."

The APC said consumers are becoming increasingly aware of their right to have up to date information provided to help them make informed decisions about their health.

Pharmaceutical Defence Limited has also cautioned against withholding CMIs unless the pharmacist believes that the customer's mental or physical health may be harmed by information contained in a CMI, and has discussed the possible risks with the prescriber as well as consulting their insurer.

## EU blasts Portugal

CURRENT pharmacy ownership laws in Portugal, which prohibit ownership of more than four pharmacies by a person or company will be challenged by the European Commission.

The rules also ban companies active in the wholesaling of medicines from owning or managing pharmacies.

The EC said the Portuguese regulations are "disproportionate to guaranteeing the protection of health" and is asking the govt to amend the legislation which it said was an "obstacle to freedom of establishment."

## ADEC membership

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration is inviting expressions of interest from people interested in being members of the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee.

Currently the TGA is seeking an expert in the fields of pharmaceutical chemistry/manufacturing as well as specific expertise from "eminent medical professionals" in a range of fields.

More info [www.tga.gov.au](http://www.tga.gov.au).

## 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.

More information  
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## DISPENSARY CORNER

THE healthy eating message doesn't seem to be getting through to a pair of fast food addicts who married in the UK last week.

Instead of a wedding cake the pair enjoyed a massive 20kg hamburger which was nearly 50cm wide (see below).

"Not only did I get to marry the woman of my dreams but I also got to have the burger of my dreams in the same day" said groom Tom Watts.

It took an expert butcher a whole day to create and shape the monster meat patty which weighed over 11kg when cooked.

But it wasn't all about the protein - the giant burger also included 12 lettuces, 30 tomatoes, 12 onions, 2kg of cheese and a litre of sauce.

It was all assembled on a 5kg bun which staff had to cut in half using a saw.

It's understood the happy couple didn't eat the whole burger themselves, instead using it to feed their 100 guests.



Looks like they're really going to relish married life!

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