

**7% PBS DISCOUNT!**  
**COST + 0%**  
ON PBS PRODUCTS  
ORDERED DAILY THROUGH  
YOUR WHOLESALER!

**Chemsave**

One of the 7 reasons why  
Chemsave is the CLEAR CHOICE  
for ALL pharmacies!

Click on this banner  
for more information!

## Last ADRAC bulletin

**THE** final edition of the Australian Adverse Drug Reactions Bulletin was released yesterday, ending the Adverse Drug Reactions Advisory Committee's 39 year run as a subcommittee of the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee.

Founded in 1970, ADRAC was tasked to advise the TGA on the safety of medicines, and has since brought health professionals together with the TGA creating 'one of the best pharmacovigilance systems in the world'.

From 2010 ADRAC will be replaced by the 'Advisory Committee on the Safety of Medicines' (ACSOM) established in its own right under the Therapeutic Goods Act.

ACSOM will take on all of ADRAC's current functions but will have broader terms of reference, also advising the TGA on the quality and appropriateness of risk management plans relating to a medicine over its entire life-cycle.

## PBS groups Senate inquiry

**THE** three proposed new PBS therapeutic groups (PD 03 Nov) are unlikely to be implemented in the current financial year, after their introduction was referred for an inquiry by the Senate last week.

The plans aim to save the govt \$48.2m a year, with the scrutiny following concerns raised by the opposition (PD 25 Nov).

Liberal senator for WA, Mathias Cormann, requested that the new groups be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee, with concerns including "the criteria and clinical evidence used to qualify drugs as interchangeable at a patient level".

Other terms of reference include the effect of the new groups on the size and number of patient contributions, what consultations were undertaken in the creation of the new groups and "the delay to

price reductions associated with the price disclosure provisions due to take effect on 1 August 2009 and the reasons for the delay".

The motion was opposed by the government but passed with the support of the Greens, and it calls for the committee to report by 30 Jun 2010 - after the proposed implementation date of 01 Apr.

## Fast track diabetes

**FAST** track measures for the dissemination and roll out of the new NHMRC- approved guidelines for Type 2 diabetes are the focus of a high-level implementation strategy meeting in Sydney today.

Participants will include representatives of the government, Diabetes Australia, allied health groups, educators, the Podiatry Association, the Dietitians' Association, the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia and the Guild.

The guidelines are designed to outline a pathway for type 2 diabetes treatment, with recommendations on controlling blood glucose, blood pressure and lipids, and preventing complications including heart disease.

## LOTS adds eRx

**CORUM** Health Services has added eRx Script Exchange support to its LOTS dispensing software, allowing its clientele access to the eRx's Script Exchange services.

"We are very pleased to be able to deliver tangible benefits of eRx electronic prescriptions to our pharmacy users throughout Australia, whilst helping to build an e-Health solution for the safety and benefit of Australian consumers," said Corum Health Services gm of Product Development and Customer Service, Leah Ford.

"This is a significant milestone in ensuring that the benefits of improved dispensing accuracy and efficiency reach consumers" said David Freemantle, eRx's national project director.

Pharmacists who wish to register for electronic prescription services can now email Corum Health Services for more information at [ehhealth@corum.com.au](mailto:ehhealth@corum.com.au).

**SURE TO IMPROVE  
YOUR NEXT  
SHOPPING TRIP.**



Receive a complimentary

**\$100  
DAVID JONES  
GIFT CARD**

when you apply and are approved  
for an American Express®  
Pharmacy Business Card.  
Call the Pharmacy Account Manager  
and quote 'Pharmacy Daily'  
on (02) 9271 9349



Offer available up to 15 December 2009 to the first  
50 callers only. Contact us for Terms and Conditions,  
American Express Australia Limited. ABN 92 108 952 095.  
© Registered Trademark of American Express Company.

## Pharmaxis pleased

**AUSTRALIAN** listed pharmaceutical company Pharmaxis has today announced that a phase 3 trial of its Bronchitol for Cystic Fibrosis has shown a "sustained benefit" for patients after 12 months.

## GLOW WITH ALL ABOUT GLO



**THIS** week All About Glo has teamed up with **Pharmacy Daily**, giving readers the chance to win an All About Glo Multiwave Bronzing Powder.

Launched in 2009, All About Glo is an Australian owned brand that provides a healthy solution to looking sun-kissed and glowing.

Valued at \$29.95, the All About Glo Multiwave Bronzing Powders create a convenient, on-the-go, all-in-one kit

that can be used as an all-over bronzer, blush, highlighter and eyeshadow.

This beautiful mineral-packed powder provides a healthy sun-kissed look all year round.

For your chance to win your own All About Glo Multiwave Bronzing Powder in Elegance today, simply send through the correct answer to the following question:

**List one product from the All About Glo range  
that is great for travel?**

Email your answer to: [comp@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:comp@pharmacydaily.com.au).

The first correct entry received each day will win!

Congratulations to **Erica Jones** of **Manrex**, who was yesterday's lucky winner.

For more info visit [www.allaboutglo.com.au](http://www.allaboutglo.com.au).

**Special offer for  
Pharmacy Daily readers**

**Purchase a 2 year  
CD subscription**

before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009

**CLICK HERE >**

**SAVE  
\$360.00**

(off the regular retail price)



Independent Australian Drug  
Information you can rely on

Accepted by Pharmacy boards in  
many states as an alternative to  
Martindale and MIMS

**P: 1300 118 120**

E: [orders@phoenixmedical.com.au](mailto:orders@phoenixmedical.com.au)  
[www.phoenixmedical.com.au](http://www.phoenixmedical.com.au)



ABN 74 122 121 260



The Pharmacy  
Guild of Australia

Registration now open!  
[www.appconference.com](http://www.appconference.com)

## Health, Beauty and New Products

Welcome to our weekly feature with all the latest health, beauty and new products for pharmacy!

Suppliers wanting to promote products in this feature should email [advertising@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:advertising@pharmacydaily.com.au).

### Get your hair up!

With summer on its way, getting long hair up is essential to keep cool. The **Moni Poni Koollook Hairstick** is a great way to keep hair back. Also makes a terrific Christmas Gift.

RRP: \$8.95 to \$15.95

Stockists: Moni Poni Pty Ltd

Tel: 1300 552 885



### Cucumbers for summer

**Yes to Cucumbers** is a new range of face, body and hair care products. The range is designed for sensitive skin and for colour treated and/or processed hair. The products are paraben free and 99.6% natural. They contain Dead Sea mud and minerals, along with green organic fruits and vegetables. Face range includes cleansing gel, mask and hydrating lotion. Body range has a shower gel, Body Butter and Hand Cream while the hair products include shampoo, conditioner and leave in conditioner.

RRP: \$15.95 to \$23.95

Stockists: KeySun Laboratories, Tel: (02) 9999 2525



### Kick the habit for the new Year!

**Nicorette Inhaler** will be re-launched in January 2010. Aimed at dealing with the behavioral action of smoking (hand-to-mouth), the inhaler gives quitters another NRT option. Designed to resemble a cigarette in shape, it consists of a mouthpiece with replaceable nicotine cartridges, which release nicotine when inhaled.

RRP: \$9.99

Stockists: 1800 029 979



### Soothing and a safe tan.

With the summer heat here already many get too much exposure to the sun. **Clarins After Sun Moisturising Self Tanning** soothes and repairs sun damaged skin as well as building a safe and golden tan at the same time.

RRP: \$35.50

Stockists: Trimex

Tel: (02) 9663 4277



### White Teeth at home.

Whiten teeth at home with **Miradent Mirawhite Oxygen**, a gentle, peroxide-free tooth whitening system. Using oxidation technology, it is safer than peroxide-based products because it is less abrasive and doesn't wear down tooth enamel or lead to tooth sensitivity. Up to four shades whiter in 2 weeks, the system comes with an easy to use pen applicator.

RRP: \$49.99

Stockists: Clear Sales Australia

Tel: 1800 640 043



## DISPENSARY CORNER

**A NEW** college has been launched in the USA with the aim of educating students about how to grow, use and profit from medical marijuana.

Detroit's 'Med Grow Cannabis College' runs courses on producing the drug for medicinal purposes.

It's been founded by 24-year-old Nick Tennant, who made the move after a new law in Michigan made growing marijuana for medical purposes legal.

"This state needs jobs, and we think medical marijuana can stimulate the state economy with hundreds of jobs and millions of dollars," he said.

Under the new legislation patients can grow up to 12 plants for themselves, or buy cannabis from a licensed "caregiver" who can grow up to 60 plants.

Anyone aged 21 or over without a criminal record can be licensed as a caregiver, with more than 2400 having signed up so far.

**NSW** scientists are working on a project to breed sheep which belch less, with the aim of reducing ovine greenhouse emissions.

"90% of the methane that sheep and cattle and goats produce comes from the rumen, and that's burped out," said a spokesman for the group.

"Not much goes behind - that's horses," he added.

The researchers are hoping to identify a genetic link which would then be used to help breed "burpless lambs".

**A CIRCUS** ringmaster in France is calling for acrobats, clowns and lion tamers to be publicly vaccinated against swine flu during their Big Top performances.

Influenza A (H1N1) is now sweeping across Europe, and French authorities are offering vaccinations to at risk groups.

The head of the Cirque Pinder, Gilbert Edelstein, said the circus vaccinations "could be covered in the media and would serve as an example in a playful setting, to raise awareness of the vaccine among the public."