

MD movements

PETER Mayrick, managing director of PharmaLink Australia, is stepping down after 8 yrs with the firm to take a role at iNova.

Ralph Dahmen has also left his role as md of Galderma Australia, but intends to continue as ASMI president.

Leo Lewis of PDL and APPco, publisher of the *Australian Journal of Pharmacy and Post Script*, has retired after 16 years.

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Pharmacy diets blasted

THE reputation of pharmacy as a trustworthy source of health advice has taken a battering today after consumer group CHOICE released the details of a 'mystery shop' slamming the pharmacy weight loss sector.

In a searing condemnation CHOICE blasted the "lack of training, supervision and in some cases irresponsibility," of the programs, adding that while the diet plans may assist in weight loss, "most fail to deal effectively with the complex broader issues around obesity and overweight, with the so-called highly trained consultants nothing of the sort."

CHOICE sent shoppers to 21 pharmacies offering seven different diet programs, then used an expert independent panel of dietitians and nutritionists to assess the findings.

The report found the majority of consultants didn't assess basic factors such as family medical history, lifestyle, exercise levels, alcohol intake and previous weight loss methods.

All but one of the plans

PA09 revamped

THE Pharmacy Assistant National Conference has restructured its format for 2009, with two concurrent sessions of seminars - an educational stream (product knowledge and disease state management topics) and a professional stream (retail and management topics).

The traditional Friday night conference dinner has been moved to Sat October 31, this year with a Halloween theme.

Registrations are now open at www.pharmacyassistants.com.

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Life for robberies

A MAN convicted of 85 pharmacy burglaries in the US has been sentenced to life in prison.

The 52-year-old and his brother headed a group that stole over \$500,000 worth of drugs over a six year period.

The drug-trafficking scheme, across ten states, also resulted in four deaths.

His younger brother is yet to be sentenced.

Pharmacy bulletin

THIS week's edition of the Repatriation General Hospital Pharmacy E-Bulletin covers recent developments in ambulatory glycaemic control for diabetics.

The bulletin is available at no charge by emailing chris.alderman@rgh.sa.gov.au.

Qld dengue warning

THE Queensland govt has asked health professionals to consider a diagnosis of dengue fever if a patient who has recently travelled to Cairns or Townsville presents with a typical symptoms such as high fever, lethargy, headache, muscle, bone and joint pain, taste aberrations and a fine rash.

An outbreak of dengue fever was recognised in Cairns last Nov, with 198 confirmed cases so far, and 21 in Townsville as of Thu.

Dengue fever has an average incubation of 4 to 5 days but can be as long as 12 days.

Suspected cases should be reported to Queensland Health.

NSW short course

THE first Pharmaceutical Society of Australia NSW short course for 2009 deals with OTC medicines and advice for minor ailments.

It's a timely topic, with the government focusing on better management of primary care, and the course will take place at St Leonards on Wed 11 Feb from 7-9.30pm - more info 02 9431 1100.

WIN A CAN OF LE TAN

Le Tan is over 30 years old this year, and to celebrate it's become the official sponsor of Surf Life Saving Australia. Le Tan has teamed up with *Pharmacy Daily* this week to give readers the chance to win a can of SPF 30+ Coconut Continuous Spray Aerosol.

An easy way to apply sunscreen, Le Tan's favourite delicious coconut fragrance contains Aloe Vera & Vitamin E for moisturising.

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The first correct entry will win the prize, so be quick!

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DISPENSARY CORNER

COMING soon to your bathroom section - a living bathmat.

It's the brainchild of Swiss inventor Nguyen La Chanh, who combined 70 pieces of moss to create the mat which is kept alive by the water that drips from the user's body.

The UK *Daily Telegraph* reports that it feels soft underfoot, and doesn't smell when it's damp.

"I think this mat would appeal to people who miss a corner of nature in their apartment," said its creator La Chanh, who's looking for a financial backer to help mass produce the new mat.

A MOTORIST in Sweden has been banned from having a personalised numberplate with the letters ADHD on it.

29-year-old Maria Forsberg was told by transport officials that the abbreviation was "inappropriate" and could offend sufferers of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

Some have slammed the ban as political correctness gone mad.

"Anyone offended by that wouldn't have the attention span to make a complaint anyway," quipped one driver.

HUMAN waste in central Japan has been found to have a very high mineral content.

The mineral in question is gold, with a sewage treatment facility in Nagano extracting 1.89kg of gold per tonne of ash from incinerated sludge - a far higher yield than many gold mines.

An official said the high value poo was probably due to large numbers of precision equipment manufacturers in the area which use the precious metal.



Eco-friendly face packs

Montagne Jeunesse's Fun Range comprises six facial treatments that are almost good enough to eat. Packed full of natural fruit extracts from peaches, cherries, pomegranate, crushed raspberries and mango, the masques are vegetarian-certified, not tested on animals and made from only natural ingredients in a sustainable eco factory.

RRP: \$3.95 - \$3.50

Stockist: Cosmex International

Tel: (03) 9796 3499

Naturally gorgeous

Natio is one of the fastest growing brands in pharmacy. This Natural Beauty collection includes a super-fine Pressed Powder Bronzer for subtle or dramatic colour coverage with a non-drying finish. On purchase of any two items from the collection, customers will receive a gift of an Illuminating Primer and a Natural Beauty tips book.

RRP: \$18.95

Stockist: Natio

Tel: (03) 9415 9911



Angelic infusion

Angel Les Parfums Corps body care range from Thierry Muggler hydrates skin without leaving a greasy film. Based on the best-selling Angel fragrance, the Perfumed Body Creme has a rich and creamy blue texture that envelops the body and holds its intense oriental-gourmand notes for longer.

RRP: \$110

Stockist: Trimex

Tel: (02) 9663 4277



Swanky scent for the senses

Hillary Swank inspired Guerlain Insolence, imbibes her rebellious type of glamour. Insolence is a heady perfume that boldly stirs the senses. At the heart of the fragrance is sultry violet and sensual iris, over a base of blonde wood, sandalwood and tonka bean.

RRP: \$124

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