

STOCK EXCHANGE

WELCOME to *Pharmacy Daily's* Stock Exchange column, where the industry is able to offer close to expiry or surplus items to other pharmacists who may have a use for them.

Today independent wholesaler Central Hospital Supplies is offering a range of excess items which are available for immediate shipping anywhere in Australia.

The full list is attached as page three of today's issue and interested pharmacies can contact 0409 384 882 for more information.

If you have items you'd like to offer through *PD's* Stock Exchange column please email stockx@pharmacydaily.com.au.

This competition is infectious!

PHARMACIES can win \$500 by taking part in an infection control competition organised by the Pharmacy Guild and Gold Cross Products and Services.

To enter, pharmacy assistants need to develop a new infection control concept, such as an in-store display or health promotion activity to inform your customers about the importance of infection control.

The competition aims to promote cough and sneeze manners, good hand-washing technique, and the importance of staying home when ill.

"The infection control competition is a fun way for community pharmacies to educate staff and customers about the importance of infection control," Guild President Kos Sclavos said.

"By educating people now, we are preparing for the worst case scenario - the breakout of a new influenza virus."

The winning pharmacy in each state and territory will receive 10 x \$50 vouchers - for more info see guild.org.au/infectioncontrol.

Simple Retail joins eRx

ELECTRONIC prescribing in Australia has taken another step forward with the news yesterday that point of sale specialist Simple Retail has joined forces with the eRx Script Exchange system.

Guild President Kos Sclavos said the addition of Simple Retail alongside existing participant Fred Health would see electronic prescriptions available in 60% of pharmacies (3000) across the country as soon as Jul.

NPS ticks hospitals

NATIONAL Prescribing Service has reported positive prescribing practices in hospitals, with "guideline-recommended therapies" prescribed most frequently during a quality improvement project focusing on optimising Discharge Management of Acute Coronary Syndromes.

49 public and private hospitals across Australia participated in the DMACS project study.

GP tests proposed

DOCTORS should be subjected to performance tests to ensure the ongoing health of their patients, the Australian General Practice Accreditation has suggested.

AGPA has devised a new plan that would require general practitioners to report on the health of their patients after treatment.

One-dose flu drug

INVESTORS have overlooked Biota Holdings, the Australian firm collaborating with Japan's Daiichi Sankyo to develop a one-dose influenza drug, the *Australian Financial Review* noted today.

The long-acting neuraminidase inhibitor provides protection against the flu in a single treatment, rather than the five-day treatments currently in use.

Phase III trials for CS-8958 started last November.

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Three pages today

TODAY'S *Pharmacy Daily* has three pages including our regular Health, Beauty and New Products feature and a full page of Stock Exchange products from Central Hospital Supplies - see p3.

New tears product

ABBOTT Medical Optics has launched a new line of OTC protective eye drops.

blink *Intensive Tears* has a "unique advanced formula" which includes a blend of ingredients naturally found in the eye.

Benefits cited include long-lasting relief with less blurring of vision, more than 60 minutes of moisture retention time and improved tear film stability.

More information from AMO on 1800 266 111.

See page two of today's *PD* for more new products.

BCA calls for new health authority

A NEW independent health commission is needed to oversee Australia's healthcare system, a key business group claims.

In a paper released today, the Business Council of Australia said: "A point of authoritative and accountable leadership must be established" in order to integrate the fragmented national health services.

"Our health services have many parts, but they do not function effectively as one system," said BCA Chief Executive Katie Lahey.

"Australia's healthcare is not fit for the job.

"We need a new independent health body that can break the current impasse and seamlessly provide for patient needs, boost efficiency and drive the reforms required to meet the needs of the future.

"We have good hospitals, but the pattern of disease has changed - our biggest health problems are now chronic conditions like cancer, diabetes

and dementia, which hospitalisation alone cannot cure.

"At the same time, costs are rising, there is a shortage of health workers, and health information systems are poor," she said.

The paper also claims that 20%-30% of current treatments are not based on the latest research evidence, and medical errors may be costing up to \$2 billion a year.

BCA's proposed independent health body would monitor and publish the outcomes of the system and ensure "the development of a patient-based information system that supports both improved clinical decision-making and future health system planning".

"It would not be an extra layer of bureaucracy," Ms Lahey said.

The paper, *Fit for the Job: Adapting to Australia's New Healthcare Challenges*, is part of BCA's submission to the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission's review of Australia's health system.

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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.

Energise and nourish skin

Trilogy's new Age Proof range includes Daily Defence Moisturiser with SPF15+, Nutrient Plus Firming Serum and Replenishing Night Cream. Formulated to combat signs of ageing, these products contain clinically-tested botanical actives that are claimed to improve elasticity of skin.

RRP: \$42.95-\$52.95

Stockist: Trilogy

Tel: (03) 9533 1336



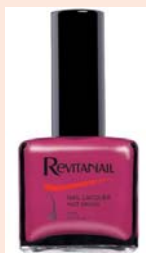
Revitanail crosses over to colour

Popular nail treatment Revitanail has branched out to coloured lacquers, with a palette of 12 classic shades. Special features include a streak-free brush and an infusion of nail hardeners such as diamond, pearl, nail-strengthening agent DMU and the Chinese medicine, tabasheer. The result is flexibility and resilience with style.

RRP: \$17.95

Stockist: Dr Lewinn's

Tel: (03) 9676 1800



Roll off wrinkles

Garnier's UltraLift Pro-X Roll On combines skincare with massage for a toning, anti-wrinkle treatment for the face and neck. The massaging action of the roll-on seems to stimulate facial muscles, which is claimed to create smoother, tighter, firmer looking skin. Packed with an anti-ageing molecule derived from beech trees, Pro-Xylane bolsters skin's elasticity.

RRP: \$21.99

Stockist: L'Oreal Paris

Tel: 1300 659 259



Heavenly water

Issey Miyake's Une Goutte De Nuage (A Drop of Cloud) is an unusual, ephemeral scent meant to be a meeting between water and heaven. It is a delicate, fresh fragrance of woody floral notes with musky silage and aquatic nuances.

RRP: \$114-\$170

Stockist: Cosmax Prestige Brands

Tel: (02) 9695 5678



New pack size

A more affordable 150-pack size of OsteVit-D is now available. Besides being cost-effective, the tablets are smaller and easy to swallow or crush. Because OsteVit-D is not a gel cap, it doesn't stick or melt inside Webster packs.

RRP: \$13.95 (90 tabs)

Stockist: Key Pharmaceuticals

Tel: 1800 653 373



DISPENSARY CORNER

POLICE in Poland are investigating a Warsaw man who attempted to sell one of his kidneys through an internet auction site.

The man, who called himself Rumun_79 was hoping to make about \$15,000 for the organ, saying he was trying to resolve his "financial difficulties".

He also listed his bone marrow on another site, and if officers catch up with him he faces a fine and up to 3 years in prison.

EATING Chinese food might help stave off breast cancer, according to a report in the *International Journal of Cancer*.

The study, of over 2000 women from China, found a correlation between a diet rich in Chinese dietary staples mushrooms and green tea significantly reduced cancer risk.

Interestingly, the rate of breast cancer in China is four to five times lower than that in developed countries, although this is changing as people adopt more Western diets rich in meat and dairy foods.

IF you're having trouble remembering things, don't worry - it's part of a long decline which starts at the ripe old age of 27.

A US researcher has found that mental powers peak at 22 but begin to dwindle five years later.

The mental agility of 2000 healthy people aged 18-60 was tested by getting them to solve puzzles, spot patterns and recall words - the same tests used by doctors to diagnose dementia.

Brain speed, reasoning and visual puzzle solving ability started to decline at just 27.

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TODAY'S Stock Exchange column features a list of lines which wholesaler Central Hospital Supplies currently has in excess.

Central Hospital Supplies is an independent pharmaceutical wholesaler which has been operating in Victoria for 35 years, distributing to pharmacies and all major Public Hospitals in Victoria.

CHS can ship to any destination in Australia; readers interested in any of the items in the list can contact CHS managing director Lisa Rabinov Norman on 0409 384 882.



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Description	Suppl	Quantity Available	Expiry date
CERTICAN 0.25mg TAB 60	NV	19	Aug-09
ZOTON 15mg CAP 30	WY	200	Jun-09
LEUCOVIRON CALCIUM 50mg INJ 5ml 10 STERILEUR	PF	10	Jun-09
RIFADIN 600mg TAB 30	AV	60	May-09
Myocrisin 20mg Inj 10	AV	29	Apr-09
MEDROXYHEXAL 10mg TAB 30 HX	SZ	225	May-09
Procur 50mg Tab 50 dp	GM	20	Apr-09
Cyproterone 100mg Tab 50 gx	GX	12	Jul-09
Simvastatin 40mg Tab 30 dp	GM	40	Jun-09
ONDANSETRON ZYDIS 8mg WAFER 10	GK	10	May-09
Procur 50mg Tab 50 dp	GM	12	Aug-09
LOPHLEX LQ ORAL LIQUID 125ml 30 (BERRY)	BL	2	May-09
Xp Maxamum Sachet 50g 30	BL	2	Apr-09
CEFALEXIN 500mg CAP 20 SANDOZ	SZ	230	Jul-09
Zovirax 800mg Tab 120	GK	2	May-09
MYLERAN 2mg TAB 100	GK	10	Apr-09
ACICLOVIR 200mg TAB 50 GX	GX	12	Jul-09
ZOVIRAX 200mg TAB 25	GK	22	May-09
Femtran 25mcg Patch 4	MM	63	Jun-09
CYMEVENE 500mg VIAL 10ml 5	RO	2	May-09
Estraderm Mx 100mg Patch 8	AF	51	Jun-09
Ospolot 200mg Tab 200	PL	7	Jun-09
CELLCEPT 1g SUSP 165ml	RO	2	Jun-09
LOPHLEX SACHET 27.8g 30	BL	1	Jul-09
Ondansetron 8mg Tab 4	GK	10	Jul-09
CYPROTERONE 50mg TAB 20 GX	GX	11	Aug-09
NARDIL 15mg TAB 100	LM	5	May-09
UREX 40mg TAB 100 SI	SI	200	May-09
Lipostat 10mg Tab 30 si	SI	31	Jul-09
Femtran 100mcg patch 4	MM	33	Apr-09
ISOTRETINOIN 20mg CAP 60 GX	GX	3	May-09
SEPTIN FORTE 160/800mg TAB 10	SI	101	May-09
DORYX 100mg CAP 21	HH	44	Jun-09
Femtran 100mcg patch 4	MM	25	Jun-09
SIMVASTATIN 10mg TAB 30 GX	GX	17	Aug-09
Energivit Pdr 400g	BL	8	Apr-09
KINDERGEN PDR 400g	BL	4	Jun-09
PILOPT 6% EYE DROPS 15ml	AG	18	Apr-09
XP ANALOG INFANT FORMULA PDR 400g	BL	4	Jul-09
ISOTRETINOIN 20mg CAP 60 GX	GX	2	Jul-09
ONDAZ 8mg TAB 10 HX	SZ	2	Apr-09
D PENAMINE 125mg TAB 100	AF	10	Jul-09
INTAL 20mg SPINCAPS 100 DP	GM	9	Aug-09
RIMYCIN 300mg CAP 10	AF	30	Jul-09
ACENORM 12.5mg TAB 90	AF	18	Jul-09
Phlexy 10 500mg Cap 200	BL	2	May-09
PHLEXY 10 BARS 42g 20	BL	1	Aug-09
CITALOPRAM 20mg TAB 28 WINTHROP	AV	10	Apr-09
OSPOLOT 50mg TAB 200	PL	4	Jul-09
Simvastatin 40mg Tab 30 dp	GM	4	Apr-09
FLOPEN 250mg CAP 24	AS	30	May-09
Fermil 50mg Tab 5 si	SI	11	May-09
DILTIAZEM CD 240mg CAP 30 GX	GX	10	Jun-09
NIFEDIPINE 20mg TAB 60 GX	GX	12	May-09
PROVERA 250mg TAB 60	PF	1	Apr-09
MONACE 20mg TAB 30	AF	9	Apr-09
CEPHALEXIN 250mg CAP 20 GX	GX	51	Apr-09