



US expiry fine

MAJOR US pharmacy chain CVS has been fined about \$1 million for selling out-of-date medicines and baby formula in New York.

The prosecution follows an audit by local law enforcement officials, who say investigators were able to buy expired goods in more than 60% of the stores they canvassed across the state.

According to CVS, the company is totally committed to keeping out-of-date products off the shelves.

The out of court settlement doesn't include admission of liability.

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New QCPP refresher rules

THE Quality Care Pharmacy Program has introduced new requirements for ongoing training for all pharmacy assistants who are involved in the supply of Pharmacy Medicines and Pharmacist Only Medicines.

The Pharmacy Guild said the new requirements are designed to ensure "ongoing and responsible health care information from community pharmacy."

From 01 Apr 2010 QCPP assessments will require pharmacy and dispensary assistants to demonstrate that a minimum of three hours of training have been completed for each year after the initial training.

Guild President Kos Sclavos said the response to assistant training had been very positive so far, with more than 22,000 pharmacy and dispensary assistants from around Australia completing the initial QCPP training requirements.

"This rate of uptake by pharmacies will ensure that

customers are provided with accurate health care information and advice," he said.

The new training requirement is flexible and can be conducted in-store by senior members of the pharmacy team.

Alternatively approved courses can be provided by pharmaceutical companies, health groups or Registered Training Organisations - as long as the refresher training content is related to Pharmacy Medicines and Pharmacist Only Medicines.

The QCPP is encouraging all interested manufacturers and other groups to contact the Guild to start the refresher training approval process.

More info at www.qcpp.com.

UK pharmacy inquiry

A NEW inquiry has been launched in the UK by the Royal College of General Practitioners and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, aiming to find ways that doctors and pharmacists can work together.

The inquiry will look at current barriers to "integrated working", arrangement which could be put in place to facilitate more effective primary care collaboration, and the potential benefits to patients.

RPSGP President Steve Curton, said the move "is the start of an initiative that enables both professions to deliver real improvements in primary healthcare."

A final report is expected by Feb, "to inform and shape the public debate around how future primary healthcare services can be delivered more effectively."

Parkinson's trials

THE Michael J. Fox foundation has awarded about US\$2.2m in funding to four research teams working on Parkinson's disease, at universities in Sweden and the US.

The foundation has so far funded more than US\$157 million in research for the condition.

Hypertension dismissal

A NEW on-line registry has been set up by the Australian Lung Foundation, to monitor the incidence and prevalence of lung conditions in Australia and provide sufferers and medical practitioners with the latest up-to-date info.

Pulmonary Hypertension is caused by high blood pressure in the lungs and symptoms incl dizzy spells, chest pain, breathlessness, fatigue and fainting and can result in total heart failure.

The condition is often dismissed as a less serious one and currently effects around 1000 Aussies, but experts are saying the number of undiagnosed cases could more than double this figure, - to access the site www.arnold.org.au.

Stealth smart bomb

US CLINICAL trials are set to commence at the beginning of next year utilising new nanotechnology to attack tumour cells in what researchers are calling a 'stealth smart bomb' style.

Targeted to attack the cancerous cells and avoid the bodies immune system, the nanoparticles are said to provide stronger doses of medication to the patient whilst cancelling out many of the side-effects of conventional treatments.

If successful, the drug could be on the market within the next five years.

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DISPENSARY CORNER

A CHINESE man is supplementing
his income and helping clients
with their mental health by
renting himself out as a
"punching bag" for women who
need some stress relief.

Gym coach Xiao Lin said his
new venture "fits in well with my
day job. By being a punching-bag
for women I can make some
money and also practice my self-
defence skills and work on my
fitness at the same time."

He charges about \$20 for 30
minutes during which clients have
free rein to beat him up - and
already has two customers.

"The first woman was about 25
years old. She paid for half an
hour but soon got tired and spent
the rest of her time just chatting
to me," he said.

"The second client also only
lasted a few minutes but they
both looked much happier
afterwards. It does people good to
let off some steam."

AN IMAGINATIVE Polish man
claims his pet dog saved his life
after he suffered a heart attack.

50-year-old Piotr Wagner said
he experienced "agonising chest
pains" while watching TV in his
family home - but then his two-
year-old Jack Russel turned a
"heart-shaped patch" on her
backside towards her master.

"I felt the pain melt away," he
told doctors, adding that "I want
everyone to know about my big-
hearted dog."

MYLANTA needed here.

World Eating Champion, Joey
Chestnut, has won the first ever
World Masters Meatball Eating
Championship in Las Vegas.

During the event last weekend
he gobbled down fifty huge
meatballs - weighing more than
3kg - in just ten minutes.

Chestnut won \$1500 for the
feat which continues his illustrious
career of competitive eating, in
which he's held titles for hotdogs,
pizza and chicken wings.

Second place in the comp was
taken by Pat "Deep Dish"
Bertoletti, who ate 49 meatballs.

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Summer protection for lips

Carmex lip balm is introducing a **Lip Balm Click Stick**, based on the classic Carmex combination of menthol and camphor in a soothing base of cocoa butter and waxes. Not only do the sticks have great moisturising ability but also sun protection with SPF 15. Available in three flavours Original, Cherry and Strawberry.

RRP: \$5.99

Stockists: All wholesalers

Ready for the tennis!

Evian Facial Spray is being released as a limited edition Australian Open version. Perfect for setting makeup or as refresher throughout the day, either at the tennis or anywhere on a hot summers day.

RRP: \$11.95 for 50ml

Stockists: Trimex

Tel: (02) 9663 4277



Illumination

Give skin a radiant and luminous look with **All About Glo Illuminating Brushes**. Available in a Maxi or Mini size the all-in-one mineral highlighter and brush gives skin a holiday glow. In two shades Pearlescent suited to fairer skins and Iridescent for all skin tones. Contains pure minerals with UV protection.

RRP: Mini \$17.95, Maxi \$29.95

Stockists: Creative Brands

Tel: 1300 650 981

All natural skin care for men.

Skin care brand A'kin has introduced a new range of grooming products specifically designed for men's skin and hair. **A'kin PureMAN** has 5 products in its range, all containing only natural ingredients. Research has shown that mens skin is different to womens. It is more oily, irritable due the effects of shaving and dehydrates easily. The range includes a Hair and Body wash, Face wash, After shave Balm and Moisturiser.

RRP: from \$14.95

Stockists: Purist

Tel: 1800 631 283

