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WA recognition

THE Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency says that pharmacists who are currently only registered in Western Australia but wish to begin practising in another State or Territory must apply for registration under the new National Scheme under its mutual recognition provisions.

Currently WA has not yet joined the national scheme, but is expected to do so soon.

Mutual recognition application forms are now available on the national Pharmacy Board website at www.pharmacyboard.gov.au, with no application fees charged but a pro-rata registration fee payable.

Pharmacy hunger

A PHARMACIST in the US, Raj Bhat, has gone on a hunger strike in protest against his former employers' "unreasonable expectations".

According to Bhat he was sacked after co-signing a petition along with 43 fellow employees, against internet pharmacy company 'Medco', for their policy requiring employees to 'review, approve and database up to 50 prescriptions per hour'.

"Working an 8-hour shift, this means a pharmacist might process 400 orders per day," Bhat said.

"No errors are tolerable, but they are inevitable and happen at a recorded corporate-wide weekly rate ranging from 300 per million to 100 per million (2005) and up from 30 per million (2003)," he added.

Currently suffering through day seven of his self imposed starvation strike, having already pursued several legal avenues, Bhat is hoping his campaign will force Medco to publicly defend its policy.

Bhat is also hoping that the increased public attention will force the internet pharmacy chain to allow its employees "sufficient, adequate time per transaction to use Professional Judgment as needed [and to] do this without penalising, criticising or humiliating professional pharmacist staff."

Biological medicine paper

A DRAFT discussion paper regarding the regulation and reimbursement of Similar Biological Medicinal Products has this week been released for public consultation.

The result of a biologics forum attended by representatives from the Pharmaceuticals Industry Council, the paper defines a similar biological as a drug that contains biotechnology-derived proteins as active substance(s).

According to the paper, similar biological medicinal products are more complex than generics with chemically derived molecules because they can have substantial within-product micro-heterogeneity and because it is 'unlikely' a second manufacturer can replicate the exact process used to make the reference product meaning that two products may differ in key attributes.

The paper goes on to say that due to current methodological limitations it is "not possible to

determine a degree of similarity sufficient to support a designation by the regulator of bioequivalence analogous to that applying to regulatory designation for bioequivalence for small molecules".

The paper does however provide a framework for TGA evaluation which includes the stipulation that products must be 'substantially similar' to the reference product (incl. pre-clinical and clinical studies) and that supporting studies need to clearly demonstrate similar safety and efficacy in at least one registered indication.

Applications to register a product must also 'provide data concerning chemistry, manufacturing and quality control, preclinical data, clinical data, and a Risk Management Plan'.

The paper also covers off on naming conventions and PBS listing of similar biologicals.

Details at www.pbs.gov.au.

First meeting of ACCM

THE minutes of the first meeting of the TGA's new Advisory Committee on Complementary Medicines, which took place in March, have now been published on the TGA website.

Discussions included a review of the safety of Papain and *Carica Papaya* - see www.tga.gov.au.

Swine flu down drain

FROM this month, stockpiles of Australia's unused swine flu vaccine will begin to expire, according to Jim Bishop, Chief Medical Officer at the Department of Health and Ageing.

Addressing the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee, Bishop divulged the expiry information following intensive questioning, saying that there are still 11 million doses of unused H1N1 vaccine out of the government's 21 million dosage order (at a cost of around \$130 million), which are due to expire in stages between now and September.

Bishop defended the gov't's ordering procedures by saying that when the initial pandemic alert came out its expert advisors said that Australia would need two doses per citizen in order to be covered.

"So it was a prudent course, at that time, based on expert advice, to get sufficient doses," Bishop said.

Bishop said that due to concerns about the pandemic, decisions had to be made quickly and the order was completed by September, before the vaccine's "unusual" clinical trial report was released.

This report found because the vaccine caused an unusually high degree of immunity only one dose per adult would be sufficient.

"You can think, in retrospect: what else could have been done? In the face of the first pandemic for 40 years, without knowing the clinical situation we know now, I think it was the right decision at the time to protect the population," Bishop said.

WIN A KOHL PENCIL



Every day this week, **Pharmacy Daily** is giving readers the chance to win a kohl pencil from the latest Honey Comb pencil display, courtesy of Total Beauty Network.

Exclusive to Designer Brands is a range of makeup pencils for eyes and lips offering the hottest fashion colours in creamy, yet defining formulas.

Designer Brands Lip Pencils are luxuriously soft, offering incredible definition without bleeding.

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For your chance to win your very own kohl pencil this week, simply send through the correct answer to the daily question below:

Name 5 of the eye pencil colours in the Designer Brands range?

Send entry to: comp@pharmacydaily.com.au.

The first correct entry received each day will win.

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Saline nasal spray for kids

Care Pharmaceuticals' **Children's Fess saline nasal spray for kids** has been designed to provide natural relief from blocked noses. The non-medicated product is preservative and additive free, containing purified seawater equiv. 9mg/ml sodium chloride. The spray is said to thin mucus in children's noses, helping it to flow more freely to remove germs, dust and pollen. The product also relieves congestion caused by inflamed sinus and nasal cavities and is recommended for use in conjunction with medicated sprays as it clears the nose, allowing medications to more effectively penetrate the mucous membrane.

RRP: \$9.99

Stockist: Care Pharmaceuticals 1800 788 870



Baby Botty Balm



Only Papaya's Baby Botty Balm protects and soothes fragile skin that has become sensitive and sore from repeated nappy usage. Containing lavender oil (antibacterial and calming), calendula oil (anti-inflammatory), as well as paw paw and aloe vera to assist with the skin's own healing processes and to calm inflammation, the product is perfect for use at nappy changing time. The Balm also contains shea butter and beeswax, which act as a barrier to protect skin from environmental aggressors.

RRP: \$17.95

Stockist: OnlyPapaya (07) 3376 9770

Ultra3's range of **Matte Lipsticks** are an incredibly affordable option for women looking for this season's palate at a reasonable price. Available in ten shades including French Toast, Harem Pink, Misty Mauve, Country Brick, Nearly Nude, Orange Crush, Rick Moca, Vintage Wine, Sandalwood and Voodoo, the lipsticks glide on easily, and provide rich and even matte colour without the drying effects of many other matte products. The lipsticks are also long lasting and can be mixed with a lip balm for a slicker look.

RRP: \$3.95

Stockist: 1800 181 040



Dr LeWinn's Medic Anti-Blemish Concealer



Pharmacy Favourite Dr LeWinn's has released an **Anti-Blemish Concealer**. Unlike most acne and non-comedogenic treatments the concealer is based on aloe vera, not water, and thus acts to provide greater moisturisation and soothing effects. The concealer is basically a two-in-one, in that whilst it is designed to help cover-up blemishes, its active ingredients also work to reduce acne-causing bacteria and prevent further break-outs. Active ingredients include 2% salicylic acid and Canadian Willowherb (antibacterial) as well as green tea and orchid flower (calming and red reduction). The product is also free from, SLS, paraffin oil and steroids.

RRP: \$19.95

Stockist: 1800 630 056

Fight pimples with cleansing cloths

St. Ives Blemish Fighting Cleansing Cloths are great for a quick face wash on the go or after exercise. Containing witch hazel, as well as lavender, eucalyptus, lemon, thyme and mandarin oils, the cloths quickly and simply remove excess oil, dirt and make up from the skin. Great for folks with normal skin who are suffering breakouts, the wipes would not be advisable for use on sensitive skin types due to the inclusion of eucalyptus and thyme oils.

RRP: \$6.99 (pack of 32 wipes)

Stockist: 02 8264 5400



DISPENSARY CORNER



ANIMAL instinct?

A New Zealand pup is at the centre of a shooting accident, after his owner suffered a rather painful gunshot wound in his buttocks.

According to reports, the man had been happily driving his car through Te Kopuru (North Island) on the way back from a hunting trip over the weekend, when he felt a sudden stinging pain in his derriere.

Lodged in his left buttock, the man had to suffer through the bullet pain as he waited to be airlifted to the nearest hospital.

It was soon determined that the bullet was fired from a .22 bolt-action rifle - in the back seat of the car, with the culprit being the man's unwitting dog who had bumped the gun at exactly the wrong moment.

Moral: switch the safety on, then drive.

SECURITY vs health.

Authorities in several countries are raising concerns about the installation of full body scanners at airports, saying despite their benefits not enough is known of their potential health side-effects.

Installed in most US airports the machines have been deployed, in what some are calling a knee-jerk reaction to security concerns, without fully testing their effects.

Officials at the European Commission have said that they would need 'rigorous scientific testing' before they would approve the scanners for use in the EU.

TRIMMING the fat.

A brave team of workers have been enlisted to clear fat out of the central London sewage network, after its entrance was discovered to be blocked by a massive solid wall of fat around 1.5 metres thick.

Deposited down the drains of Leicester Square restaurants, the fat will take an estimated two-months to clean out, and could potentially fill around nine double decker buses.



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