

WIN MANICURE & PEDICURE KITS



KISS are giving away the complete set of manicure and pedicure professional quantity tools valued at \$35 to eight lucky *Pharmacy Daily* readers this week.

To win, simply be one of the first two people to

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(With apologies to Elizabeth Barrett Browning)

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Blackmores apologises

BLACKMORES has formally apologised for the "fries and Coke" comment made by its CEO Christine Holgate during the launch of its Companions range, saying it was unintended and taken out of context.

In a letter penned to the National President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, Grant Kardachi, Holgate said "The comment I made in response to a question - that these are truly companion products, not alternative medicines (as many of our products are) - has unfortunately been used widely in the media and taken out of context".

"Any suggestion that this comment reflects a lack of respect for Pharmacists and their role in the community could not be further from my intent," she added.

Responding to the apology Kardachi said it was time to move on. "The best way to do this is for pharmacists to continue operating with their usual high levels of professionalism and expertise, and in regard to recommending complementary medicines to patients to ensure that those

US bath salt ban

THE Washington State Board of Pharmacy has banned the sale of products containing cannabinoids or synthetic stimulants (substituted cathinones).

Commonly termed as "bath salts" the OTC drugs have been banned due to a rise in their recreational use, as they can mimic some of the effects of illegal drugs including LSD, cocaine and methamphetamine.

medicines that are recommended are evidence based," he said.

MEANWHILE the TGA has gotten in on the act, writing to both Blackmores and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia seeking clarification and further details about the pair's Companions partnership.

In addition the NPS has released information about using specific nutritional supplements with prescription medicines, which covers: zinc supplements with antihypertensives; co-enzyme Q10 and vitamin D3 with statins; magnesium supplements with PPI therapy; and probiotics with antibiotic-associated diarrhoea.

According to the NPS the evidence for zinc and magnesium supplementation is "very limited" and supplements should only be considered in cases where there is a deficiency.

The NPS also said that there was no clear evidence of benefit in regards to taking Co-enzyme Q10 supplements with statins to prevent myalgia; and that there is not enough evidence to determine if probiotics can prevent antibiotic-associated diarrhoea.

Still time to register

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia is reminding pharmacists that there is still time to register for PAC11, saying the event gives pharmacists the chance to earn up to 36 CPD credits.

PAC11 runs between 6-9 October, at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, see pac11.com.au.

PD comp winner

CONGRATULATIONS to Hayley Fejer of High Tech Health who was the lucky winner of Friday's comp.

New Alliance skills

PHARMACY Alliance has designed a new Merchandising and Retail Skills Program for its members to improve their retail skills and to get the most out of their membership with Pharmacy Alliance.

"With impending PBS reforms the front of shop will play an even greater role in a pharmacy's ongoing profitability," said Merchandise Manager and program co-ordinator, Jeff Jones.

Participants will receive a certificate, a workbook for reference and practical skills and exercises to take back and implement in their pharmacies, for more details see www.pharmacyalliance.com.au.

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Guild Update

This week's update from
the Pharmacy Guild

Pharmacy CPD

LAST Friday marked the end of the first year of compulsory Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for Australian pharmacists.

Pharmacists have until 30 November to declare their compliance with the CPD standard, as part of re-registration.

The declaration at that time will be regarding CPD activities undertaken in the CPD year from 1 October 2010 to 30 September 2011.

For the first declaration, pharmacists will need to declare you have undertaken CPD activities that have an aggregate value of 20 CPD credits.

A reminder that for every CPD activity, pharmacists need to record:

- Date of activity (or date completed)
- Source or provider details (e.g. journal name, provider name)
- Type of activity (e.g. journal article, seminar, lecture, workshop)
- Topics covered during activity (e.g. specify all topics covered, list each article)
- Accreditation status (non-accredited or accredited, including the accreditation number)
- The total hours and Pharmacy Board of Australia CPD credits for the activity.

Pharmacists should also retain any evidence that they have undertaken an activity in a CPD portfolio for audit purposes.

This could include certificates, flyers, conference materials or handwritten notes.

If you haven't already registered to record your CPD credits, you can do so at www.mycpd.org.au.

All pharmacists should also be familiar with the Pharmacy Board of Australia guidelines on CPD, which can be viewed at www.pharmacyboard.gov.au under Codes and Guidelines.

Pharmacy GSK recall win

A NEW ZEALAND court has ruled in favour of Ian Johnson Pharmacy over the recall of suspected faulty medicine from GlaxoSmithKline NZ.

In its case against GSK, Ian Johnson Pharmacy "sought reasonable payment" for services rendered in the wake of the recall of Warfarin in January 2010.

The furore started when GSK informed NZ pharmacies of a recall of batch 35222 of marevan 3mg tablets (Warfarin), due to a manufacturing problem which could have resulted in the quantity of anti-coagulant in each tablet being greater than the labelled amount.

As part of the warning, GSK asked pharmacies to contact all patients who had been dispensed the drug between November 2009 and January 2010, to advise them to return the tablets for replacement, and to contact their prescriber to determine if their clinical status needed to be assessed.

In addition GSK asked that all affected stock be immediately quarantined, and that pharmacists complete and return several forms as well as courier the affected stock to Healthcare Logistics by 29 January 2010.

In assessing the claim, Judge GA Andree Wiltens found that a "reasonable and proper price should have been paid to Ian Johnson Pharmacy" for its recall services.

"The necessity or desirability of complying with an ethical or moral obligation cannot be the basis for disentitling a claim for compensation for the time/effort involved in such compliance," said Judge GA Andree Wiltens of the District Court at Manukau.

The Pharmacy Guild of New Zealand has welcomed the decision saying it establishes a precedent that pharmacists can reasonably expect to be paid when they are asked to provide services.

Pill oesophagitis

A NEWSLETTER released by the Royal College of Pathologists Australasia has warned of the dangers of pill oesophagitis, caused when pills become stuck and dissolve in the oesophagus.

Symptoms of pill oesophagitis include throat inflammation and ulceration, and it is generally caused when people take pills at night then lie straight down to sleep.

To prevent the condition, the College recommends taking pills at night with at least 100mls of water and sitting up long enough for the pill to travel down the throat.

PBS listing deadlines

THE data cut-off date to meet the requirements of a 1 Jan 2012 listing on the PBS has been extended from 15 Oct to 28 Oct 2011.



DISPENSARY CORNER

ANGLING for an ER visit.

A pair of anglers have found themselves on the wrong end of the fishing line, after one hooked the other in the face.

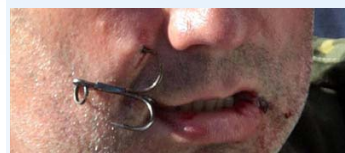
The men were fishing off the coast of Poland, when after joking about catching nothing during the trip, Bogdan Symanski felt a fiery pain in his cheek.

"[My friend] had put out one last cast and there was this sudden tug on my mouth and then blinding pain," he said.

"There was blood everywhere, maybe if I'd kept my big mouth shut he would have missed me," he added.

A rescue boat took no time reaching the pair, quickly removing the hook and stemming the significant blood flow.

"He was lucky it wasn't a few inches higher or it would've taken his eye out," said rescue medic Piotr Kroczyński.



What's a hook between friends?



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IMPORTANT: For 2011 the first claiming period is
1 July to 30 September



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