

Juvisync approval

THE US Food and Drug Administration has approved Juvisync, a fixed-dose combination prescription medication that contains two previously FDA approved medicines in one tablet, sitagliptin and simvastatin, to treat diabetes and high cholesterol.

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Warehouse slams new rules

THE new pharmacy location rules announced last month (**PD** 27 Sep), have been slammed by Chemist Warehouse Group Commercial Manager, Damien Gance, as “anticompetitive, contrary to the community good and the intent of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme”.

In a letter published in today’s *Australian Financial Review*, Gance said the new rules “will not

modernise pharmacy but will instead hinder the capacity of pharmacies to open in areas of community need such as urban and rural growth areas”.

Gance also criticised the Pharmacy Guild of Australia’s role in the creation of the deal, saying “voices other than the Pharmacy Guild [need] to be heard when it comes to the administration of Australian pharmacy.”

“Although Chemist Warehouse stores are members of the Pharmacy Guild, this deal... does not represent the best interests of Australian pharmacists”.

“It is not too late for the government to listen, right this wrong and pull the plug on a deal that will restrict Australians’ access to discounted, essential medication.”

Watson’s restraint

MOMENTA Pharmaceuticals and Sandoz have been granted a US temporary restraining order preventing Watson and Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, from marketing or selling Amphastar’s Enoxaparin Sodium Injection product, a generic equivalent to Sanofi-aventis’ anti-thrombosis drug Lovenox.

Momenta and Sandoz were granted FDA approval for their generic Lovenox in July last year, and their suit against Watson and Amphastar claims the latter’s product infringes Momenta’s generic Lovenox patent.

The temporary restraining order expires on 21 October, and Watson expects to launch the product during the fourth quarter of 2011 if the plaintiffs’ request for a preliminary injunction is denied.

Mor’s call for Reform

TODAY skincare company Mor is promoting its Essential collection, which it will be showing off at the upcoming Reform Conference, for details see **p3** of today’s issue.

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Pharmacy Daily winners

CONGRATULATIONS to Lisa Piercy of Terry White, Connie Heliotis of API, Kathrina Casella of Ayr Hospital Pharmacy and Lois Sear of Griffith University who were the lucky winners of **PD’s** Kiss Mani/Pedi comp last Thursday and Friday.

For more chances to win see **p2**.

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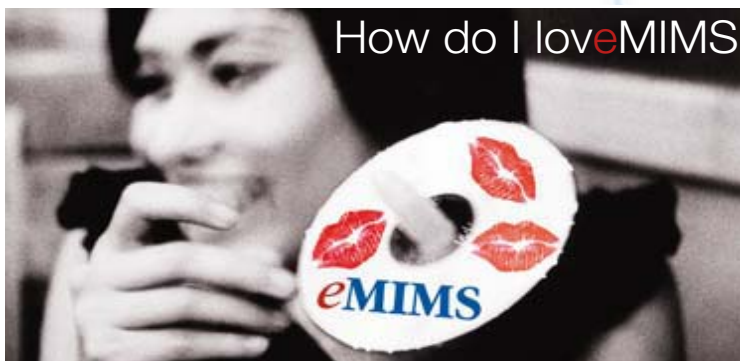
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Breast cancer scare

TWO out of three women who were cigarette smokers when diagnosed with breast cancer continued to smoke two years later, a Bupa Health Foundation Health and Wellbeing After Breast Cancer study found, with only one in ten heavy smokers likely to quit.

A diagnosis of breast cancer also had little effect on the drinking patterns of moderate to heavy drinkers (even though consuming excess alcohol increases the risk of breast cancer recurrence and death from breast cancer), with one in 12 drinking more than four drinks per occasion at least once a week, two years after being diagnosed with breast cancer.



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Pharmacy achievers named

TOP pharmacists from around the country were honoured over the weekend at the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia's annual Excellence Awards during the PAC11 conference in Melbourne.

This year's Pharmacist of the Year is Michael Cain from the Cancer Clinical Service of the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital at Nedlands in Western Australia, who was hailed for his 20-year involvement in cancer chemotherapy delivery.

"Cancer medicine has proved a rich field of opportunity for pharmacist involvement," he said, while Patrick Davies, ceo of awards sponsor Symbion, said Cain's work "epitomises all that is good in this profession and also demonstrates just what a huge difference pharmacists make to the wellbeing of Australians".

The 2011 Young Pharmacist of the Year is Chris Freeman from Qld, who is working on a PhD which investigates the integration of pharmacists into primary health-care teams, with a strong focus on collaborative health care.

South Australian pharmacist Andrew Gilbert was named as the 2011 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Gilbert is the Director, Quality Use of Medicines and Pharmacy Research Centre at the University of South Australia's Sansom Institute, and his 40 year career has seen him work as a pioneer, role model and "selfless advocate of the pharmacy profession," the PSA said.

The Alphapharm Pharmacy Student of the Year for 2011 was Ezekiel Steindl from QUT (pictured below), who was a wild card entry and beat out other entrants from across the country in the entertaining counselling event.



DISPENSARY CORNER

WHAT'S health compared to free admission?

Two visitors to Zhonghau Castle in China have been hospitalised after trying to scale its 70ft walls to avoid the \$5 admission fee.

According to reports, the tourists were trying to emulate the same feat successfully undertaken by local woman Ma Jei, who had stunned onlookers with her nimble climb earlier in the day.

According to Jei, she has visited the castle often since her early childhood and had always avoided paying admission by simply climbing in.

"She ran up the wall like a goat and made it look easy," said one stunned onlooker.



Jei saves on admission



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The Pharmacy Practice Incentives are funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing as part of the Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement between the Commonwealth and The Pharmacy Guild of Australia.



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- Chemist Depot Appian Way Bankstown
- Priceline Pharmacy Bankstown
- Chemist Depot Top Ryde

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Friday 4 November 2011 at 4.00pm.

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