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THE US Food and Drug Administration has granted Orphan Drug Designation for the use of inhaled nitric oxide with Ikaria's INOpulse DS drug delivery system as a combination product for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension.

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NAPSA Indigenous focus

PHARMACY courses should include more content on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health issues, according to a new position statement on Indigenous Health released this week by the National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association during the annual NAPSA Congress (**PD** yesterday).

"It is the belief of the NAPSA Rural and Indigenous Affairs Committee that Australia's future pharmacists should be committed to closing the gap, and [be] competent and confident in all aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health," it said.

NAPSA has urged integration of Indigenous issues into the core curriculum for all pharmacy schools

Four Qld pharmacies up for grabs

EXPRESSIONS of interest are currently being sought for four "high profile pharmacies" located on the Queensland Sunshine Coast.

Advertised in today's *Financial Review*, the pharmacies are located in Caloundra, Coolumb, Noosa Fair and Noosa Junction, with the deal described as "a rare opportunity to either significantly boost your pharmacy portfolio by acquiring four high profile pharmacies as a package, or to purchase a well established standalone pharmacy".

Pharmacy Solutions Australia is marketing the group, and says they are all located in prominent retail positions and have "excellent growth opportunities".

along with national standards for these competencies.

The NAPSA National Council met in Wagga in the lead-up to the congress, with sessions including input from PSA ceo Liesel Wett and Greg Turnbull of the Pharmacy Guild to facilitate workshops and stimulate discussion.

Other outcomes included approval of criteria for a new NAPSA Best Branch award to recognise the commitment of branches to members each year.

The new Indigenous position paper was a key development from the meeting, with NAPSA Rural & Indigenous Chair, Ellen Pedler, saying "hopefully universities and professional bodies will consider and endorse NAPSA's position statement when reviewing course curricula".

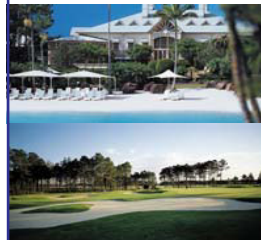
Ansell into Korea

AUSTRALIAN glove and condom maker Ansell Limited has announced a new multi-year agreement with Korean hand protection specialist firm Koreca Industries.

Under the deal Koreca has been appointed as the exclusive Korean distributor for Ansell's industrial and New Verticals personal protective equipment products.

Ansell also has an option to make equity investments in Koreca Industries in stages over several years, with ceo Magnus Nicolin saying the move "is well aligned with our previously communicated ambition to expand globally in fast growing markets".

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P&G Olympic links

PROCTER & Gamble will next week announce its sponsorship of three top Aussie athletes in the lead up to the London 2012 Olympic Games later this year.

P&G is a partner of the entire Australian Olympic team, and the as-yet-unnamed new ambassadors "are Olympic hopefuls whose dream is to secure a place in the Australian Olympic Team to take the hopes of the nation to London".

The move continues the company's involvement with the Olympics, which includes a major partnership with the International Olympic Committee announced in 2010 and covering the next five Games through to 2020.

At a launch on Tue P&G will host a media opportunity where the athletes can be photographed along with their mums, to celebrate the role mothers play when it comes to raising Olympians.

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Guild Update

This week's update from the Pharmacy Guild

Let's Beat Bowel Cancer

THIS year *Let's Beat Bowel Cancer* – is launching *FOBruary*, a health promotion campaign aimed at reducing the number of deaths caused by bowel cancer.

FOBruary calls on all Australians over the age of 50 to have an annual FOB Test (Faecal Occult Blood Test) during the month of February to screen for Australia's second biggest cancer killer.

Each year almost 5000 Australians die from bowel cancer despite research indicating that 9 out of 10 bowel cancers are curable, if detected early. Bowel cancer often has no obvious signs until it reaches advanced stages.

During the month of February all community pharmacists and their staff are urged to encourage those over the age of 50 to have a FOB Test to screen for bowel cancer.

The test is easy, non-invasive and can be done in the privacy of their own home.

Currently, the government's National Bowel Cancer Screening Program (NBCSP) invites one-off participation from people turning 50, 55 and 65 – this approach excludes about 5.4m Australians.

As the most commonly used health service provider pharmacists and pharmacy staff are ideally placed to take an active role in the delivery of preventative health in Australia.

There are a number of bowel screen FOB Tests on the market, including the BowelScreen Australia® Program iFOB Test (immunochemical Faecal Occult Blood Test). The iFOB Test is recommended by the Gastroenterology Society of Australia for average risk, asymptomatic patients over 50.

Consumers may visit www.letsbeatbowelcancer.com.au for info on how to purchase an iFOB Test from participating pharmacies.

Mental Health Commission

AUSTRALIA'S first National Health Commission was launched yesterday by Minister for Health and Ageing, Mark Butler.

He said the move would "give mental health the prominence it deserves at the national level," with the Commission to meet formally for the first time today to begin work on the nation's first National Report Card on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention.

Butler said the Commission would bring "much needed transparency" to the system as well as give insights into service gaps – "where

we need to do more and where services are working".

Chaired by former ACCC chief Alan Fels, it's part of the govt's commitment to long term reform and was announced as part of the \$2.2b package in the 2011-12 Budget in May last year.

Cool chain update

THE World Health Organization along with the European Medicines Agency and representatives from the US Pharmacopoeia will provide an update on global Cool Chain Regulations at the upcoming Cool Chain Logistics Europe conference which takes place next week in Basel, Switzerland.

Major pharmaceutical manufacturers will also be participating in the event, which will include discussion of the new regulatory landscape as well as feedback from recent inspections. See www.coolchaineurope.com.

B.Braun US approval

B.BRAUN Medical has received FDA approval for 2g Cefazolin for Injection, making it the first company to deliver an FDA-approved 2g Cefazolin dose to hospitals and other healthcare settings where it's a frequently prescribed antibiotic.

WIN A MOOGOO PAMPER ME GIFT BOX

This week *Pharmacy Daily* is giving five lucky readers the chance to win a **MooGoo Pamper Me Gift Box**.

Each MooGoo Pamper Me Gift Box includes: Anti-Ageing Face Cream, a bottle of Milk Wash (formulated for the face but can be used all-over), a tube of Skin Milk Udder Cream, a bar of milk soap, an edible lip balm and soft toy cow.

MooGoo is a Queensland company that has helped thousands of people suffering from skin or scalp problems. MooGoo was first made when the founder adapted an udder cream used in dairy farms to help a family member with a skin problem.

MooGoo is available from selected pharmacies and health stores and also online at www.moogoo.com.au.

To win this great prize pack, simply be the first person to send in the correct answer to the question below.

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"The No _____ Stampede."

Email your answer to: comp@pharmacydaily.com.au.

Congratulations to yesterday's lucky winner, **Suzanne Wright** from **Bathurst Base Hospital**.



DISPENSARY CORNER

LOOKS like it works for all kinds of wilting...

A celebrity gardener in the UK has shared the secret of his upstanding blooms - he puts a bit of Viagra in the water.

David Domoney, known as 'The Entertaining Gardener', recommends 1mg of Viagra to keep flower arrangements looking fabulous and fresh.

"Drop in a standard Viagra tablet...it stiffens up your blooms a treat," his website advises.

DRINKERS in the UK will need to guzzle more beer to get the same effect, after the maker of several brands including Beck's Budweiser and Stella Artois announced a reduction of alcohol levels.

The alcohol content will be lowered from the current 5% to 4.8% - which in turn will save the firm AB InBev about £8.6m a year in taxes and duties.

The company said the move "is in line with evolving UK category trends," and will also see the sizes of the bottles reduced.

HERE'S an unusual way of deterring those graffitiists.

The managers of a historic tourist attraction in the UK say they're considering introducing a hive of honey bees in order to discourage vandals who have been damaging the buildings.

The Greenfield Valley Heritage Park is located near the town of Holywell in North Wales and features woodland, reservoirs, a number of factories from the industrial revolution along with ancient monuments including the ruins of Basingwerk Abbey.

It's very hard to patrol, but the park manager said that having "security bees" could be a deterrent - and as an extra bonus locally produced honey could be sold to visitors.

However the plan may not get off the ground, amid concerns about legitimate visitors also being stung.



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