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Sydney Uni GHB findings

PHARMACEUTICAL researchers from the University of Sydney have helped discover where the party drug known as GHB or 'fantasy' binds to a special brain protein highlighting the potential for an antidote to the sometimes deadly substance.

The findings, part of a partnership

EMA PI consultation

THE European Medicines Agency has launched a public consultation on changes to product information, due to the new pharmacovigilance legislation (PD 03 Jul).

The new laws require the addition of information to product information and consumer medicines information, including a statement and a black symbol for medicines that are under additional monitoring for safety issues.

The changes also require a further statement encouraging healthcare professionals and patients to report suspected side effects from the medicine to their national reporting system, and will apply to all human medicines marketed in the EU.

The consultation is open until 17 August, with feedback sought on the location of the symbol and the wording of the explanatory statements and standardised text.

MEANWHILE the EMA has also named Emer Cooke as its Head of International and European Cooperation.

Cooke is a pharmacist with an MBA and has been working at the agency since 2002.

with the University of Copenhagen, have been published in the US Proceedings of the National Academy of Science journal.

Gamma-hydroxybutyric acid latches onto a specific protein receptor known as a GABA. according to Prof Mary Collins from Sydney Uni's pharmacy faculty.

"We have identified an important unknown target that can provide the basis for explaining the biological significance of the transmitter substance," she said.

"This opens up new and exciting research opportunities for us".

The drug is extremely toxic, because the difference between a normal intoxicating dose and a fatal dose is so small. Collins added.

Another salve alert

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration is once again advising consumers against the use of black salve, red salve or cansema products, which are claimed to cure or treat skin cancer.

The products contain an active ingredient called sanguinarine, which is derived from Bloodroot (Sanguinaria canadensis), with zinc choride sometimes also present.

In a formal statement issued yesterday the TGA said it was not aware of "any credible scientific evidence that black salve, red salve or cansema can cure or treat cancer," and that the corrosive products will cause skin irritation and can destroy skin and underlying tissue regardless of whether a malignancy is present.



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AIHW food guide

THE Australian Insitute of Health and Welfare yesterday released Australia's Food and Nutrition 2012, which is a "comprehensive report on the key components of Australia's food and nutrition system".

Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing, Catherine King, said the publication updates an earlier edition which for the first time brought together in one volume information from all sectors of the system.

Speaking in Melbourne during the 22nd World Congress of the International Federation for Home Economics, King highlighted findings in the report including that 68% of Australian males and 55% of females are overweight or obese.

This underlines the importance of the government's support for food and nutrition-related initiatives designed to lift health outcomes.

"We have made a record \$872.1 million investment in preventive health to encourage Australians to think about ways to lead healthier lifestyles," King said.

US health technology firm ERT has been granted two patents on Clinical Trial Subject Compliance.

The company said the patents cover the "tracking and enhancement of participant compliance with a research protocol," and can be used to provide evaluability data related to participant performance in a trial.

Compliance is tracked using two ERT electronic diary products: DIARYpro (for remote patient data collection) and SITEpro (for sitebased data collection).

Weight loss approval

THE US FDA has overnight approved Qsymia (phentermine and topiramate extended-release) for chronic weight management in adults with a BMI of 30 or greater, or 27+ with a related condition such as hypertension, type 2 diabetes or dyslipidemia.

It's indicated for short-term weight loss in conjunction with exercise and a low-calorie diet.

Clinical trial compliance patent

ERT has now launched a tiered licensing program to allow other industry suppliers to incorporate the functionality in their products.

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DIARYpro and SITEpro utilise the patented methods "and have been repeatedly proven to capture important clinical outcome assessment data at the point of the participant's experience, yielding a more accurate measurement of treatment effect" - www.ERT.com.

ACPA meeting dates

MEETING dates for the Australian Community Pharmacy Authority have been revised for late 2012, and pharmacists need to be aware of the changes if they plan to submit a section 90 application for a new or relocated pharmacy.

Meetings will now take place on 27 Jul, 24 Aug, 28 Sep, 26 Oct, 07 Dec 2012 and 25 Jan 2013, with the change aiming to provide a more efficient process over the Christmas and New Year period.

Ready to render First Aid



A GROUP of Victorian pharmacists gathered together last month at the Mercure Hotel Treasury Gardens to renew their Senior First Aid Training.

Each participant received 20 CPD credits, with the activity accredited by the Australian College of Pharmacy.

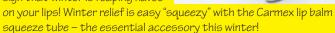
The training was conducted by Vital First Aid and Dr Reddy's Laboratories Australia was the major sponsor of the day.

Pictured proudly presenting their new certificates are the team from Syndal Pharmacy: Catherine, Malcolm (owner), Vishal, Annie & Samantha.

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Five blades of glory

Gillette Venus and Olay have for the first time ever come together to create the new Gillette & Olay Razor. Offering five blades to shave you close with every smoothing stroke, the razor also offers Olay Moisture Bars to help lock in moisture for less dryness, with petrolatum and Glycerin meaning the razor only needs to be wet to release a light lather. The result is "ultra-smooth skin which gives women the confidence to reveal their inner Goddess." As with most Venus razors, the Venus & Olay features a rounded, pivoting head designed for women's curves and a soft-grip ergonomic handle.

RRP: \$14.99 (razor), \$19.99 (three replacement cartridges) Stockist: Procter & Gamble Beauty & Grooming - 1800 028 280

Website: www.Gilettevenus.com.au

Make your iPad or iPhone iWaterproof

Seal Shield has announced the launch of the world's first iPad waterproofing solution for healthcare. Seal Shields are form-fitting, polyurethane covers that make iPhones and iPads 100% waterproof, washable and



disinfectable. The product has been created in light of the proliferation of touch screen devices in hospitals which can pose a cross contamination infection risk for patients and practitioners. Seal Shields are reusable and recyclable, and the iPhone and iPad products complement other Seal Shield products including washable keyboards, mice and TV remotes.

RRP: from US\$19.99

Stockist: Seal Shield LLC - +1 904 507 7765

Website: www.sealshield.com

Six shades lighter in just one hour

Luster Premium White is a new cosmetic toothpaste which offers "unique technology that instantly whitens teeth after just one brush". The product claims to whiten faster than any other brand, giving consumers a professional, dentist white result from the comfort of their home. There are a ranged of products including the one-hour tooth whitening kit complete with whitening light; the 2-minute White for touch-ups; and the Luster Now toothpaste and

mouthwash. There's also Power White 7, which contains 45

therapeutic grade essential oils and is 97% plant derived to cater for people with extra tooth sensitivity. It has less than 1% of hydrogen peroxide and 11% carbamide peroxide, well below safety levels set by Australian standards. The product is endorsed by celebrity dancer Carmelino Pizzino of Dancing With The Stars.

RRP: \$89 (1 hour kit) Stockist: Marc Milan Operations - 1300 970 950

Website: www.lusterpremiumwhite.com.au

Munch on this, little ones!

The Munch White Cot Teething Rail is a functional teething accessory and cotrail protector made from soft,



chewable, durable TPE with the added benefit of ridges that provide much needed relief for sore gums. It's completely safe for baby and protects precious teeth and soft enamel, both top and bottom, while also protecting the cot rail. The product attaches via adjustable Velcro straps and can be cut to size lengthwise with scissors.

RRP: \$55

Stockist: Muffets Kidz Pty Ltd 0409 906 747 Website: www.insideoutorganic.com.au



DISPENSARY CORNER

A SEA change is good for your health, according to UK researchers who have found that people living on the English coast are much more likely to say they are fit and well than those who live inland.

The journal Health and Place published a report by researchers from the University of Exeter, who analysed census data from 48 million Britons.

The study found that people living less than 1km from the shore were more likely to say they were in "good health" than those further away.

The scientists postulated that one explanation could be the stimulating seaside environment which encourages people into physical activity.

However they also said it would be possible that wealthier and healthier people might be more able to live by the ocean.

"They are possibly moving to the coast and bringing their good health with them," said lead researcher Dr Ben Wheeler.

THIS was truly a deathbed confession.

A 59-year-old US man who wrote his own obituary before he died last week revealed a number of long-held secrets as he cleaned the slate.

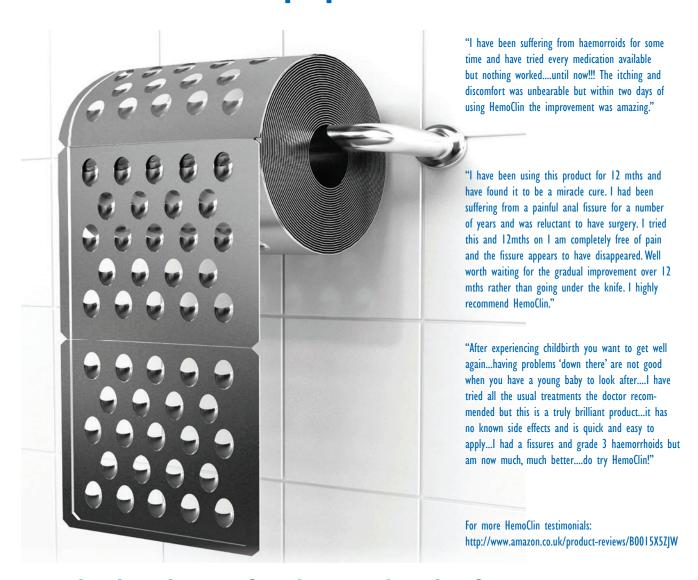
Throat cancer sufferer Val Patterson, who his friends and family thought held a PhD from the University of Utah, actually received the degree due to a paperwork error - and that in fact he didn't ever even graduate, the obituary published in the Salt Lake Tribune confirmed.

There was also a confession of theft: "As it turns out, I AM the guy who stole the safe from the Motor View Drive Inn back in June 1971," he wrote.

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