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Eviplera on the PBS

EVIPLERA (tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/emtricitabine/rilpivirine), is now available on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

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ASMI says calcium is okay

THE Australian Self-Medication Industry has come out swinging in defence of calcium supplements in the face of a damning new study published in the journal *Heart*.

The Swiss study, which looked at data from 24,000 people aged between 35 and 64 found that people who take calcium supplements are 86% more likely to have a heart attack than people who do not.

Commenting on the findings, ASMI said the study contained a number of deficiencies "which place a question over the strength and validity of its conclusions".

According to ASMI's Regulatory and Scientific Affairs Director, Steven Scarff, the study was flawed in that it involved a single initial survey of diet and supplement intake, followed by an assessment of cardiovascular outcomes an average of 10 years later.

"This gap provides a considerable period of uncharted information about diet and behaviours which almost certainly impacted the results," he said.

Dementia drug review

THE Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee has commissioned a post market review of all anti-dementia drugs listed on the PBS for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease: donepezil; rivastigmine; galantamine; and memantine.

As such the PBAC is now inviting submissions to the Review - see www.pbs.gov.au/info/reviews/anti-dementia-drugs.

"The design of the survey also means that known risk factors for cardiovascular disease (such as high blood pressure and high cholesterol) were not equally distributed across the study groups," he added.

Further limitations of the study, according to Scarff included the fact that many subjects who took supplements did not record what they were taking, and even those who did record the information, did not always advise the dose.

Moving to reassure consumers and industry members about the safety of calcium supplements, ASMI said that there was good evidence that calcium supplements reduced the risk of fractures and hence played a useful role in the treatment of osteoporosis.

The industry body also cited a recent study which found that calcium, and calcium in combination with Vitamin D, was associated with a 12% reduction in fractures of all types including hip, vertebrae and wrist.

Obesity and blindness

OVERWEIGHT children have a greater chance of having the neurological disorder idiopathic intracranial hypertension (IIH), according to research by Kaiser Permanente.

IIH is a rare condition which can cause blindness in sufferers.

Published in the *Journal of Pediatrics* the cross-sectional, population-based study of 900,000 young people aged 2-19 years old found 78 cases of pediatric idiopathic intracranial hypertension.

According to the findings, the condition occurred most frequently in overweight or obese, teenage girls (85% of the children with IIH were girls 11-19, and 73% were overweight or obese).

Interestingly, the study also found a strong association between the condition and increasing weight class.

Extremely obese teens were 16 times more likely than normal weight children to have IIH; moderately obese children, six times more likely; and overweight children, 3.5 times more likely.



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PSA hails CPE Expo success

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia is thrilled with the response to its inaugural CPE Expo, confirming that the event attracted more than 1,100 delegates and exhibitors, including a large contingent of more than 120 interstate delegates.

Held in Sydney over the weekend, the event was developed by the NSW Branch of PSA and was designed to bring together pharmacists, patient support groups, patients, allied health professionals and the pharmaceutical industry, with the aim of improving the nation's health "through excellence in the practice of pharmacy".

"The focus on medicines information, patient support programs, medication reviews and disease state management was well received," said the PSA's NSW President, Prof Charlie Benrimoj.

Professor Benrimoj also said that delegates responded very positively to the new initiative of having representatives from consumer and patient support organisations

presenting at CPEXpo.

"The need for inter-professional communication and a focus on patient-centred care is essential," he said.

"It was great to have Sally Crossing AM from the Health Consumers NSW present the opening plenary and providing the patients' perspective of the healthcare experience," he added.

FDA tightens devices

THE US Senate has passed a new bill which allows the FDA to more easily up-classify problematic devices so that subsequent, similar devices will receive more scrutiny before they get to patients.

The bill also requires the FDA to do more outreach to involve more non-conflicted experts and groups – including scientific societies the Institute of Medicine, and the American Academy of Medical Colleges – in its recruitment efforts for medical device advisory committees.

For more info see www.fda.gov.

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This week **Pharmacy Daily** has teamed up with **Purist** and is giving five lucky readers the chance to win a Pure Therapy prize pack (pictured to the left), valued at \$87.75.

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Congratulations to yesterday's lucky winner, **Syd Cassimaty** from **Think Pharmacy Campbelltown**.

DISPENSARY CORNER

ADRENALINE boost.

An 80 year old American woman, Laverne Everett, was expecting a heart pounding 80th birthday celebration but got more than she bargained for when she slipped out of her parachute harness.

Everett had decided to undertake the jump to fulfill a lifelong dream of skydiving, but just moments after jumping out of the plane strapped to her instructor, she slipped out of her upper harness.

Fortunately her instructor managed to cling on to her for the entire fall, and the pair landed safely but visibly shaken minutes later.

Laverne has since said she "really wanted to jump" and for her next adventure would like to ride in a race car.

To view the clip posted of the jump [CLICK HERE](#).

Acne approval

THE US Food and Drug Administration has approved Cipher Pharmaceuticals' Absorica, a novel, patented brand formulation of the acne medication isotretinoin, for the treatment of severe recalcitrant nodular acne.

As a result of the approval Absorica is now expected to be launched in the US in Q4 2012.

Kicking risky drinking

THE Federal Government has provided \$8.9 million for the expansion of the Good Sports Program, which is an initiative that supports local sports clubs nationwide to build a culture of responsible drinking.

So far 5,000 clubs have signed up for the initiative, which requires them to work through three levels of accreditation, provide smoke free environments and develop transport strategies to get people home safely.

The Govt is hoping to get 6,500 clubs signed-up by 2014.