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DVA dates wrong

THE Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) has posted a correction to incapacity payment dates.

The DVA said some incapacity payment clients may have received a letter with incorrect dates for the pay changes.

The correct dates are: 2 January, payees will receive current payment, 16 January, payees will receive payments at the new ongoing rate plus any arrears owing, 30 January, payees receive payment at the new ongoing rate.

Dextropropoxyphene

THE TGA has posted handy Q&A dextropropoxyphene pages with separate sections for consumers, doctors/dentists, hospital doctors and pharmacists and community pharmacy; [CLICK HERE](#) to access.

CPEXpo's stellar line-up

LEADING cardiothoracic surgeon and ceo of the NSW Clinical Excellence Commission, Professor Clifford Hughes AO, will lead a line-up of distinguished keynote speakers at the *Clinical and Practice Expo 2014*, being held at the Hordern Pavilion, Sydney from 30 May to 1 June.

Pharmacists from around Australia will gather at CPEXpo14 to connect their practice to patient outcomes; taking advantage of the networking and partnership development opportunities CPEXpo offers with colleagues, industry partners and patient support organisations.

Professor Hughes will share insights into the vital role pharmacists play, and how this role can be extended further.

In 1998 he was appointed as an Officer of the Order of Australia for service to cardiac surgery, international relations and the community.

Hughes' experience in healthcare

extends internationally, having led five medical teams to China and operating in Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, India and Bangladesh.

His opening address of CPEXpo14, will inspire pharmacists on their own quests for professional excellence and patient-focused practice.

Registrations open online Feb 2014 with Early Bird rates available for a limited time - [CLICK HERE](#).

Teen nut allergy death

EMMA Sloan, a 14 year old girl with a nut allergy, has died outside an Irish pharmacy upon her family being refused an adrenaline injection without a prescription.

According to the *Irish Herald*, the pharmacy advised the family to take her to an A&E department at the local hospital, but she died en route.

Police and the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland have launched an investigation into the death.

Fiber eases asthma?

A REPORT in Nature Medicine magazine found that mice fed a high-fiber diet were protected against allergic inflammation in the lung.

The report said a low-fiber diet increased allergic airway disease and decreased levels of short chain fatty acids (SCFAs).

“Our results show that dietary fermentable fiber and SCFAs can shape the immunological environment in the lung and influence the severity of allergic inflammation.”

For more [CLICK HERE](#).

New diabetes module

ITHERAPEUTICS has announced the launch of its third “Condition-based” education module for pharmacists and pharmacy assistants.

The module covers diabetes and blood glucose testing.

The module joins the almost 70 other free e-Learning modules now online at itherapeutics.com.au.

FDA warn re TBI pills

THE Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have warned a consumers about possibly dangerous products that are claimed to prevent, treat or cure concussions and other traumatic brain injuries (TBIs).

The FDA said some companies were offering untested and unproven products and that the organisation was monitoring the marketplace and taking enforcement action where appropriate, including issuing warning letters.

The FDA warned consumers to avoid these claimed dietary supplements because there was no scientific evidence backing the claims.

Concussions and other TBIs were serious medical conditions that needed proper diagnosis, treatment and monitoring by a health care professional.

The products were sold on the internet and at some retail outlets and marketed using Twitter and Facebook, the FDA said.

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In some cases you can use the fast track application for this process.

CLICK HERE to access fast track.

Leukemia drug trial

AN independent committee has recommended that a late (Phase III) stage study of a drug developed by Pharmacyclics and Johnson & Johnson be stopped early due to improved overall survival in patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL).

The drug IMBRUVICA (ibrutinib) showed a "statistically significant improvement in progression-free survival" as well as overall survival in patients with relapsed or refractory CLL or small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL).

The study involved 391 patients and was conducted at more than 70 clinical sites in 10 countries, Pharmacyclics said.

To read more **CLICK HERE**.

MoH NZ notes concerns

MINISTRY of Health New Zealand chief pharmacy advisor Andi Shirtcliffe said the ministry acknowledged the concerns raised in an open letter from the Pharmacy Guild of New Zealand (PGNZ).

As previously reported (PD 06 Jan) PGNZ chief executive Lee Hohaia sent a letter to the ceos at each District Health Board in the country, highlighting serious challenges NZ pharmacists are facing.

In the letter, Hohaia said there was some concern for the sustainability of pharmacy businesses following the CPSA's introduction on 01 July 2013.

Shirtcliffe said the Ministry noted that the issues of understanding of funding changes, margins, staffing and other overheads as well as IT efficiencies were already being

addressed through the Community Pharmacy Services Agreement (CPSA) governance and operational groups and their processes.

"The community pharmacy sector, in aggregate, has received a nationally-agreed funding increase of \$13.3 million for the first two years of the new CPSA."

New fungal nail Rx

THE first non anti-fungal therapy for the treatment of fungal nail infection (onychomycosis) is now approved for use in Australia.

Available over-the-counter in pharmacies, the Excilor medical device is a new non-pharmacological treatment proven to increase the acidity of the nail bed, stopping the spread of the fungus, while maintaining overall nail health.

"This is a new approach to treating fungal nail infection and is long overdue," said Sydney based dermatologist, Dr John Sullivan.

According to Dr Sullivan, fungal nail infections are extremely common and very difficult to treat.

"Around 2.3 million Australians suffer from fungal nail infections, many of which are not effectively managed," he added.

Zinc - depression link

A seventeen-study meta-analysis published in *Biological Psychiatry* has linked depression with low blood zinc levels.

CLICK HERE to read the paper.

Medical device alerts

THE UK's Medicines & Healthcare Regulatory Agency (MHRA's) has issued its monthly list of Medical Device Alerts 2013.

It contains a month-by-month list of MDAs issued in 2013 and has hyperlinks to the full version of each and a list of medical devices that have been withdrawn through the year.

CLICK HERE to access.

Correction

YESTERDAY (PD 07 Jan) the Pharmacy Daily story 'Amcal launches new-look' featured a photo which showed Georgie Parker and Amcal Stud Park pharmacist Terry Murphy, not Sigma ceo Mark Hooper.

Be wise, immunise

THE Ministry of Health of New Zealand said a recent measles outbreak linked to a Sydney dance festival is a strong reminder for people to get immunised.

Eleven cases of measles have been confirmed, linked to the World Supremacy Battleground hip hop competition in Sydney.

As of 2 January, there was one case in Auckland and 10 cases from two extended families in Turangi/Taupo.

Acting deputy director of public health Dr Harriette Carr said it was possible more cases could occur.

"People are infectious five days before symptoms develop to five days after the onset of a rash.

Immunisation is the single most effective measure someone can take to protect themselves and their family".

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TWITTER pill to swallow. Well, it's official - time travelling pharmacists don't use Twitter.

Michigan Technological University astrophysicist Robert Nemiroff and his team predicted that if humans could time travel, they might leave clues on websites like Twitter by accidentally mentioning events which had not yet happened, the *Telegraph* reported.

A "whimsical little discussion" after a card game last summer prompted the project (conducted without grant funding), which searched for references to two recent news topics, Pope Francis and Comet ISON, on Google, Bing, Twitter and Facebook before the topics were known to exist but found only one reference to Pope Francis which seemed more accidental than prophetic, the publication said.

"The internet is essentially a vast database, and I thought that if time travellers were here, their existence would have already come out in some other way, maybe by posting winning lottery numbers before they were selected."

The team also created a post in September 2013 asking readers to email or tweet either #ICanChangeThePast2 or #ICantChangeThePast2 on or before August 2013.

No one responded to the query, but all is not lost - commenters theorised that time travelers had read the article in the future and covered their tracks.

SEE a doctor.

Austrian hazardous materials specialists were called to an incinerator after noting high radiation readings for a dump truck.

Firefighters from the hazmat unit in Linz found 24 diapers contaminated with radioactive iodine, use for some medical and diagnostic procedures, the *Associated Press* reported.