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EMA upholds position

THE European Medicines Agency (EMA) Management Board has considered a draft policy on the publication of clinical trial data.

The EMA said it aimed to increase access to this data and it had received "many comments" during the consultation phase.

Arguments against the policy included that it would encourage unfair commercial use of data outside of the EU and risk research dollars leaving the area.

The EMA said it stood by its commitment, referring to previous remarks that it would help increase efficiency of development, among other things, and said the draft was a compromise approach which would, if agreed, serve as a "useful complementary tool" ahead of new clinical trials regulation in force from May 2016.

DDS drives bottom line

DISCOUNT Drug Stores announced an enhanced Medication Management Program in partnership with PharmEngage and a new partnership with DAA packing company MPS at its National Conference.

The program would now deliver consumer information and patient support programs, it said.

The MPS partnership would manage community Dose Administration Aids, it said.

DDS gm Douglas Kuskopf-Dallas said the initiatives would address the growing number of challenges in retail pharmacy and give store owners means to gain back lost profits and achieve growth.

Scope inquiry to look at reg

THE Victorian Legislative Council has moved that the Legal and Social Issues Legislation Committee inquire and report on the role and opportunities for community pharmacy in primary and preventative care in Victoria.

The Victorian Minister for Health David Davis tabled the motion at the end of May and said there was an opportunity for community pharmacists to play a wider role.

"In a sense, this process would seek to see if through the registration arrangements there is any impediment to, or other restriction on, pharmacists doing more safely or trialling different approaches and different scopes in a safe way that would be consistent with their registration requirements and rules."

Davis said pharmacists could provide more personalised medication management services for older Victorians at risk of hospital admission, vaccination and provide advice and referrals to ease pressure on hospitals and emergency departments.

The opposition said while it did not oppose the motion, it was "hastily cobbled" together, designed to keep the committee busy until the election was called.

Pharmacy Board of Australia chair and Victorian Pharmacy Authority registrar Stephen Marty said the Authority had received the inquiry notice and both it and the Board would make submissions.

He said should recommendations for changes be made by the inquiry, there would need to be discussion

about how to apply these in a nationally consistent manner so that differences between states and territories did not occur.

The Board might need to look at whether new guidelines would need to be developed, should such changes be recommended, he said.

Both the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia Victorian branch presidents welcomed the inquiry (**PD** 12 Jun).

To read the transcript, **CLICK HERE**.

RB KY acquisition

THE Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) is considering a proposal from Reckitt Benckiser Brands Limited (RB) that it buy the K-Y brand from McNeil-PPC Inc., a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson.

The ACCC said post-acquisition, RB would own the two highest selling personal lubricant brands in Australia, K-Y and Durex.

A decision announcement is expected around 17 Jul.

NZ funds \$78m research

NEW Zealand Science and Innovation Minister Steven Joyce and Health Minister Tony Ryall announced this week a total of NZ\$78m in health research funding as part of the 2014 Health Research Council of NZ's funding round.

An Explorer Grant of NZ\$150,000 was awarded to Professor Gregory Cook of the University of Otago to look into designing metabiotics to combat multidrug-resistant pathogens.

Dr Janak de Zoysa of the Waitemata District Health Board's trial of 100 New Zealand patients receiving allopurinol or placebo to determine whether therapy to lower uric acid could slow the progression of chronic kidney disease, among other effects, received NZ\$990,685 in funding.

The funding was increased by almost \$18m from last year due to the release of funds from maturing contracts, Joyce said.

The +ve and -ve of vit E

RECENT research has revealed that two forms of vitamin E have conflicting effects on respiratory function, one being protective and the other promoting lung inflammation and airway hyperresponsiveness.

The work, out of Chicago's Feinberg School of Medicine, examined both the α -tocopherol isoform of vitamin E and the isoform γ -tocopherol in an analysis of 4,526 adults in the 'Coronary Artery Risk Development in Young Adults' (CARDIA) multi-center cohort with available spirometry and tocopherol data.

Published in the journal *Respiratory Research*, the study followed up patients for 20 years and highlighted the role of vitamin E as an anti-oxidant.

CLICK HERE to read the paper.



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Popular bayside community, lead a small team while using Minfos.
- **Pharmacist Manager** - Riverina Region, NSW (Job# 2010547)
Hospital role - 10 month maternity leave contract - August start date

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- 14-15 Jun:** NSW Pharmacy In Focus; Albury; details: www.psa.org.au
- 18 Jun:** Psoriasis – The What, Why, How; Adelaide; details: www.psa.org.au
- 19 Jun:** Master of Pharmacy Information Evening; Sydney; details: www.sydney.edu.au
- 19-20 Jun:** Medication Management Review Stage 1 Workshop; Melbourne; details: www.psa.org.au
- 20-22 Jun:** National Convention & Exhibition; Sydney; details: www.nswpharmacy-nce.com.au
- 9 Jul:** Pharmacy Live Webinar "Palliative Care In The Home"; Sydney; www.psa.org.au
- 19-21 Jul:** Pharmacy Re-Entry Course "Refresher Training for Community Pharmacy"; Sydney; see: www.psa.org.au
- 22-23 Jul:** Pharmacy "Essential Financial Skills"; Sydney; see: www.fmrbusdev.com.au
- 25-26 Jul:** Blackmores Institute Symposium: Integrating Natural Medicine Into Community Pharmacy - An Evidence-Based Approach; Sydney; more at: www.blackmoresinstitute.com.au
- 26-27 Jul:** Medication Review Skills in Primary Care; Sydney; more at: www.shpa.org.au
- 30 Jul:** Advanced Clinical Education Cardiovascular Seminar; Sydney; more at: www.psa.org.au
- 30 Jul - 1 Aug:** The Pharmacy Management Conference; Surfers Paradise; more at: www.pharmacyconference.com.au/

COAG health report card

THE report to the Council Of Australian Governments (COAG) on healthcare reform found one in 12 Australians delayed or did not fill a prescription due to cost.

COAG Reform Council chairman John Brumby said COAG made significant improvements over five years, including that Australians had among the longest life expectancies globally, improved emergency department waiting times and falling smoking rates.

However, the report found in 2012-13, 8.5% of Australians delayed or did not fill a prescription from their GP because of cost, and in the most disadvantaged areas, this was 12.4%, twice the rate found in the least disadvantaged areas at 6%.

This was, however, a fall from 2010-11's rate of 9.8% (to 8.5%).

For Indigenous Australians, this was 34.6% but the report said this should not be directly compared with results discussed for all Australians due to different data collection methods.

Australian Medical Association president Associate Professor Brian Owler said the report highlighted the dangers of implementing GP co-payments and increasing co-payments for PBS medications.

"Research shows that an increase in patient share of medication costs is significantly associated with a decrease in adherence.

"The rates for not filling scripts in the COAG report can be expected to increase significantly with increased co-payments for PBS medicines."

Brumby said areas of concern included that almost 63% of Australian adults were overweight or obese and one in 25 Australians suffered from type 2 diabetes.

The report said a quarter of people with type 2 diabetes failed to manage their condition appropriately.

Hospitalisation rates for vaccine-preventable conditions jumped 16% in the five year period.

To access the report, **CLICK HERE**.

Medicinewise awards

NPS MedicineWise has presented the University of Sydney Faculty of Pharmacy team an award for their newly developed tool for parents of children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder titled 'Development of a question prompt list for parents and carers of children diagnosed with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder'.

WIN A CANCER COUNCIL PACK

This week *Pharmacy Daily* is giving four readers the chance to win a **Cancer Council** BB Crème & Body Lotion, valued at \$33.90.

Cancer Council BB Crème is a 3 in 1 formula that corrects skin tone and offers SPF 30 protection. The crème is made with ingredients including; grape seed extract to help reduce signs of ageing, vitamin E to increase moisture, mushroom extract to fight bacteria build up and mica to help reflect light, giving skin a flawless finish. The BB Crème is available in light and medium tint.

Cancer Council Body Moisturiser with SPF 30 is a rich crème with aloe vera to soothe dry skin, and vitamin E to nourish, hydrate and protect skin.

To win, be first to send in the correct answer to the question to: comp@pharmacydaily.com.au.

Cancer Council Body Moisturiser contains which vitamin to hydrate skin?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, **Emily Keleher** from **Good Price Pharmacy**.



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DISPENSARY CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS, kid.

If you finished your pharmacy degree early, here's something that'll make you feel a right slowpoke - Tanishq Abraham has graduated from high school in Sacramento at age 10.

Associated Press reported that Abraham joined Mensa at age four and was home schooled, graduating with a 4.0 grade point average - the maximum possible and equivalent to receiving an A in every course, our reliable sources at Wikipedia tell us.

As for next steps, aside from ruling the world, obviously Abraham was taking college courses and said he wanted to attend medical school and also be president (see? Told you), *AP* reported.

POSSIBLE luna-tic.

You may have heard the phrase 'shoot for the moon' when setting your sights on becoming involved in both pharmacy, chocolate making and staging a one person re-make of Star Wars, but a man in Arizona has been arrested for literally trying to shoot the moon.

Prescott Valley police responded to a call from a woman who said her boyfriend was heard talking about seeing Halley's Comet and firing shots out of the window of their home, *Associated Press* reported.

The man has been booked into jail on suspicion of unlawful discharge of a firearm and various other charges, the publication reported.

AND I would walk...to Poland.

Do you have a sound system in your pharmacy that occasionally plays 'I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)'?

Well, if you've ever idly wondered just where that would have gotten the Proclaimers, cartographer Kenneth Field calculated it would take them from Leith to France or Holland for the 500 Miles and Poland or the Czech Republic for the full 1,000, the *Telegraph* reported.