

Natalizumab monitor

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has said it is monitoring reports of melanoma in patients being treated with natalizumab.

The TGA said there had been three cases of melanoma in patients being treated with the drug, marketed as Tysabri in Australia and used to treat patients with relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis.

An ongoing review of the issue had not found sufficient evidence to show a definite link between natalizumab and the skin cancer.

"However, given the high incidence of melanoma in Australia, this remains an issue of concern for the TGA."

Health professionals are advised to monitor patients for any new or changed skin lesions.

Pfizer directions

THE first directions hearing for the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) case against Pfizer Australia took place yesterday.

The ACCC alleges misuse of market power and exclusive dealing in relation to Pfizer's supply of atorvastatin (PD 14 Feb).

Judge Geoffrey Flick said he was surprised Pfizer was not ready to respond to the ACCC's allegations, the *Australian Financial Review* reported.

A directions hearing is set for 10 Apr.

Pharm vax results

A REPORT on the Queensland Pharmacist Immunisation Pilot (PD 14 Jan) is expected to be presented to the Department of Health in Queensland in October.

Pharmacists are being trained and the pilot will start on 01 Apr.

PIA stays in group two

THE Fair Work Commission has decided that the Pharmacy Industry Award (PIA) will not be moved from its group for the purposes of the four yearly review of modern awards.

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia submitted that the award be grouped with other service sector awards, in Group 4, instead of its current placement in Group 2.

The Commission said the award would remain in stage two but confirmed that the allocations were "a matter of convenience" and did not represent any conclusions about their terms relative to other awards in the group.

"Further, issues relating to the Pharmacy Industry Award 2010, including some raised by employers in that industry, may be dealt with as part of the later stages where

appropriate."

Professional Pharmacists Australia (PPA) welcomed the decision, saying it was an agreement with its arguments to keep the award in the same group as awards for other health workers and that the plan to move it, and as a result, reduce penalty rates, was a significant concern for community pharmacists.

The Guild said this was verballing and misrepresenting the words of the Fair Work Commission, and that it wanted a fair result for pharmacists and assistants.

"This is a procedural matter only, and does not constitute any substantive change to the Pharmacy Industry Award."

To read the decision, **CLICK HERE** and to read the Guild's submission, **CLICK HERE**.

SureSlim in pharm

PREVIOUSLY online, the SureSlim Doctor's Diet is now available through pharmacies, in packs of 10.

The SureSlim Doctor's Diet (Program Only) provides an assessment of medical history and exercise levels and a blood test.

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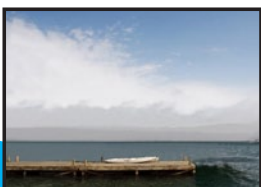
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Tassone for NatRUM

PHARMACY Guild of Australia Victoria branch president Anthony Tassone has been appointed to the board of the National Return & Disposal of Unwanted Medicines (NatRUM) project.

He takes over from the previous Guild representative to the NatRUM board, Dipak Sanghvi, who was thanked by chairman Warwick Plunkett for his contribution over the past seven years.

Tassone said NatRUM was one of the most cost-effective and "unheralded" preventative healthcare initiatives in the community and that there was a proposal before the Commonwealth Health Minister to ensure the continuation of the

program until at least June 2015.

"I cannot stress enough to all fellow pharmacists, health professionals and Australians how crucial this program is to ensure medication safety and prevention of medication related hospitalisations and incidents in the community."

The project, which collects and disposes of unwanted and out of date medicines safely, is available to every pharmacy in Australia through funding from the Department of Health (PD 25 Feb).

ePSI scanning rates

THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia has advised that pharmacists who reach a scan rate of 15% for original scripts in March can receive \$800, with a further \$1200 payable on meeting a 30% target across September.

National president George Tambassis said at APP the targets were very achievable (PD 14 Mar).

Smoke-free Monash

MONASH University is going smoke-free across Victorian campuses.

This was part of a joint initiative with all Victorian universities and the first stage, involving restriction of smoking to designated points, will begin in the second semester in July, Monash said.

The second and final phase, involving the removal of smoking points, would occur following stakeholder consultation, in 2016, the University said.

Oral anticoagulant

NPS MedicineWise has published a case study based on a scenario of oral anticoagulant treatment options for a 76 year old woman.

The case study would help health professionals in differentiating between the different oral anticoagulants that were available, clinical adviser Dr Andrew Boyden said.

Cancel ARTG entry

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has published a form to be used when requesting cancellation of the registration, listing or inclusion of medicines on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG).

To access it, **CLICK HERE**.

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SPF 30 Face Moisturiser & Professional Sunscreen for Scars

The Cancer Council has for years provided Australians with trusted, high quality sun protection products. Now, it introduces a range of high SPF cosmetics that enhance one's natural beauty whilst providing broad-spectrum UVA/UVB protection. The newly repackaged cosmetics range consists of 75mL **SPF 30 Face Moisturiser** and other cosmetics. Furthermore, Cancer Council have released a new **Professional Sunscreen for Scars**, the ultimate sun protection to reduce the risk of skin cancer.

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Website: www.skinhealth.com.au



Beyoncé and Coty's new fragrance RISE

Beyoncé believes a woman's power comes from within and when a woman connects with her very essence, she revels in her individuality, her strength, and her beauty. To honour this elevated and empowering attitude, Beyoncé was inspired to create her newest fragrance, **RISE**. "The spirit of RISE encourages women to be all that we are," said Beyoncé. Presented in a dramatically stunning new shaped bottle with gold crystal-inspired lid, RISE comes packed inside an outstanding bold shimmering golden box capturing the spirit and energy of the exciting new fragrance.

Stockist: 1800 812 663

RRP: \$49.00 50ml, \$69.00 100ml

Website: www.coty.com



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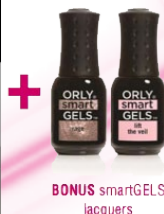
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HEALTHCARE for gorillas.

Firmly in the 'absolutely adorable' category, a baby gorilla is recovering after two emergency operations performed by a medical team including two doctors who usually work on humans.

The gorilla baby was born by caesarean section at San Diego Zoo but developed breathing problems and was operated upon to fix a collapsed lung, by a team including vets, a neonatal specialist and an anaesthesiologist, the *Telegraph* reported.

Neonatologist Dawn Reeves said unlike human babies, the gorilla could grab with both hands and feet, the publication reported.

For a video of her, **CLICK HERE**.

CAREFUL what you say.

It pays to be wary of the promises you make to people, even when you're joking - a pastor in Florida has had to pay up after joking in a recent sermon that the Church would pay for members' tattoos, if they went out and got the Church's logo of the cross inked.

At least 12 members took advantage of the deal and Pastor Zack Zehnder has said he'll make good on the promise, *WOFL Fox 35 News* reported.

NO parking.

Look, sometimes you just have to bite the bullet and pay for parking - particularly to avoid your car getting swallowed by the Pacific Ocean.

Someone who parked on the beach in Lincoln City, Oregon, quickly found out just why people hadn't opted for a beach view with their car park, when the tide came in, waves surrounded the car, floated it and then turned it around, *KPTV Fox 12 News* reported.

The owners retrieved some items and, with the help of police and a Bobcat-like machine, their car, the station reported.