

24% under co-pay

THE Department of Human Services processed about 72m under co-payment prescriptions from July 2013 to June 2014.

This was 24.4% of total Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and Repatriation PBS (RPBS) prescriptions and up from 62m (22.7%) in 2012-13, the Department of Health said.

Antibiotic cephalexin had the largest number of under co-pay prescriptions at 2.2m, followed by amoxycillin at 2.1m prescriptions.

Proton pump inhibitor esomeprazole came in at 1.5m, while antidepressant sertraline saw 829,749 prescriptions.

Warfarin came in at 200,441 prescriptions.

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2.3m using mental health PBS meds

THERE were more than 2.3m people accessing Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme mental health related medications in 2011, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

Females were more likely to access these medications at 13.3% of all Australian females compared with 8.5% of all males, with antidepressants the most common.

The ABS said the proportion of the population accessing these medications increased with increasing age, with 34% of all people aged 75 years and over accessing one or more of these drugs in 2011.

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Pharmacists spot tech errors

PHARMACISTS spotted errors in medicine management software installed in several Queensland hospitals which had a 60% to 90% chance of causing serious harm or death at least once in the next month, according to a report leaked to Fairfax Media.

Fairfax reported that the Metro North Hospital and Health Service review had found that pharmacists monitoring patient records since the Metavision ICU software implementation had picked up "potentially serious" prescription errors caused by the system.

"While no events have resulted in actual patient harm, they are considered to be near misses with a high potential to recur."

The Queensland Department of Health told **PD** the review was not a public document.

Metro North Hospital and Health Service Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (RBWH) interim executive director Professor Darren Walters said the software was implemented in nine hospitals, and that the organisation became aware of the issue on Friday, taking "immediate and significant" measures.

No patients had been harmed at RBWH ICU due to the program, he

said.

"Safeguards for issues raised last year were already in place prior to the software's installation at RBWH in September 2014."

A system upgrade by Metavision ICU supplier iMDsoft was being tested this week and rolled out next week if successful, he said.

Queensland Health director general Ian Maynard said he had begun a review of governance leading to implementation of the software with an urgent meeting occurring this week between a "senior Queensland Health executive", pharmacists, clinicians and the software company.

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Alzheimer's Oz new ceo

CAROL Bennett, former ceo of Consumers Health Forum of Australia, the Australian Rural and Remote Workforce Agencies Group (now Rural Health Workforce Australia) and the Victorian Alcohol and Drug Association, has been recruited to take the role of national ceo for Alzheimer's Australia later this year.

Pharm reg cancelled for pseudo supply

A PHARMACIST'S registration has been cancelled following the supply of pseudoephedrine over two years in a quantity or for a purpose which did not accord with recognised standards of what was appropriate.

Tan Nguyen admitted the conduct, which involved more than 46,500 packs of pseudoephedrine-based products, as well as the supply of 517 packs of testosterone-based items and 161 packs of Nandolone-based items from 2010 to 2012, the Civil and Administrative Tribunal NSW said.

Nguyen's explanation for supply of the pseudoephedrine to the unknown persons was fear, based on their stature and what might happen if he informed police or his family, the Tribunal said.

He supplied steroid medication to a patient over six months who originally had a valid prescription but continued to supply the medication without a prescription, the Tribunal said.

Nguyen failed to persuade the Tribunal that he would act differently and it ordered his registration cancellation and a two year ban on review applications.

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Med stockpile tender

THE Department of Health has called a tender for waste management companies for the destruction of expired, damaged or unused medical goods at the rest of the Department on an as required basis.

Tender submissions close on 20 Nov.

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Call for funded Xofigo

THE Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) has called upon the prostate cancer community in Australia to lobby for funding for Bayer's Xofigo (radium (223Ra) dichloride) as a "game changer" for the treatment of castration-resistant prostate cancer.

Xofigo has been approved by the US Food and Drug Administration in May 2013 and was approved by Australia's Therapeutic Goods Association earlier this year (*PD* 06 Aug).

PCFA ceo Associate Professor Anthony Lowe said that approximately 22,000 men in Australia living with advanced prostate cancer could potentially benefit from access to the drug.

Pharm in GP practices

THE UK Royal College of GPs chair has said there is potential for community pharmacists to be employed by GP practices to carry out medication reviews, the *Pharmaceutical Journal* reported.

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\$200m for Ebola vax

JOHNSON & Johnson has announced a commitment of up to US\$200m to hasten and expand production of its Ebola vaccine program in development at Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies.

The company said it was working closely with the World Health Organisation, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, governments, and public health authorities on testing, production and distribution of the vaccine.

The funding included an equity investment in Barvarian Nordic to provide capital for the development of its vaccine, the company said.

HealthEase group

BLACKMORES subsidiary BioCeuticals, and several medical specialists, have formed the HealthEase group, which aimed to find "effective solutions" to complement orthodox treatments of chronic diseases, the company said, and has developed a practitioner-only product range.

MHRA drug seizure

THE UK Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) achieved the UK's biggest ever single seizure of smart drugs, also known as cognitive enhancers or nootropics.

More than 20,000 units of 13 different types of medicine, and an estimated £200,000, were seized, the Agency said.

Stroke bill of rights

A GLOBAL Stroke Bill of Rights was launched at the opening ceremony of the ninth World Stroke Congress in Istanbul.

The document identifies the aspects of care that are important for stroke survivors and caregivers.

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MEANWHILE Monash University research, published in the journal *Stroke*, said the cost for intracerebral haemorrhage stroke 10 years after onset was \$9,032 higher than previous estimates.

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