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\$3b PBS cuts create an unhealthy script

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) has said the proposed \$3b savings from cuts to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) in the next budget (PD 27 Apr) would mean reduced access to medicines.

National president Grant Kardachi said these could also mean reduced essential pharmacist-delivered services and the 18,000 PSA members were "deeply concerned".

"The government should be looking longer term and reviewing professional pharmacist services over the term of the next Agreement for efficiency and efficacy.

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MEANWHILE the Consumers Health Forum has said the proposal made sense and was in the interest of consumers, provided there was no or little risk to patient health.

Ceo Leanne Wells said the suggestion that this would see chronically ill people taking longer to reach the safety net threshold did not seem to be a valid argument for continuing a "costly subsidy" when the same product could be bought at a supermarket for less, and when savings could be used for new drugs.

Moves to tighten access to painkillers such as codeine raised the problem of potential barriers for low income patients, with both measures emphasising the need for healthcare professionals to advise patients about medications, she said.

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Remove antibiotic repeats?

THE Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) has said it noted the suggestions by the Drug Utilisation Sub-Committee (DUSC) to improve appropriate antibiotic use, including removing repeats from oral antibiotic listings.

At its March meeting, the PBAC said it would review antibiotics listings on the PBS to match up with clinical guidelines and minimise overuse, following further consultation on the review of PBS Authority Required listings.

The PBAC reiterated its agreement that community antibiotic supply was extensive and increasing in recent years (PD 07 Jan).

DUSC suggestions included looking at changes to prescribing software defaults for repeats, making oral antibiotic scripts valid for less than 12 months and removing repeats for oral antibiotic listings.

For commonly prescribed antibiotics, repeats were often ordered but not needed to

complete treatment for many indications, the PBAC said, and some repeats were dispensed months after they were prescribed, which were unlikely to be for the same course of treatment.

If changes were made to the number of repeats listed, provisions would be needed for repeats in specific indications that required it, the PBAC said.

AMA General Practice chair Dr Brian Morton said it would be better if software providers changed the defaults for antibiotics than the government remove repeats from the PBS.

Making scripts valid for less than 12 months could be a strategy to help appropriate prescribing, with a reasonable validity period needing to be established, he said.

NPS MedicineWise design and development manager Aine Heaney said the suggestions were trying to learn from antimicrobial stewardship programs in hospitals and globally that had been successfully implemented for better use of antibiotics.

Any changes would need to be carefully considered to make sure they did not become barriers to appropriate use, Heaney said.

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Guideline section postponed

THE expiry of compounded parenteral medicines section of the Guidelines for compounding of medicines has been postponed for three months.

The Guidelines came into effect yesterday, except for this section, with feedback received needing further investigation, the Pharmacy Board of Australia said.

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AMNEAL Pharmaceuticals has said there limited places left in its generic's new generation.

See the **front page** for more.

Blackmores posts \$12m profit

BLACKMORES has posted net profit after tax of \$12m for the third quarter of the 2015 financial year, up 125% year on year, and profit for the nine months to 31 Mar of \$31m, up 76%.

The company said this was a record result, with a record full year profit expected.

Group sales were up 42% to \$119.5m for the quarter, with the results driven by strong performances across the group, Blackmores said.

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Win a Nourish Naturals pack

This week, **Pharmacy Daily** and **Nice Pak Products** are giving away a Nourish Naturals prize pack.

The Nourish Naturals™ range contains naturally derived



ingredients and provides skin with deep nourishment. Clinically tested, Nourish Naturals products are free from sulphates, parabens, artificial colours and fragrances. According to the company, the high quality ingredients deliver real results for dry, sensitive, rough, itchy and flaking skin, or skin prone to eczema, psoriasis and dermatitis.

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Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Tracy Ebert from Metro North Hospital and Health Service.

52 SA pharmacists to administer flu vax

FIFTY two pharmacists have completed training to administer influenza vaccinations in South Australia, Minister for Health Jack Snelling has said.

The state made regulatory changes this year to allow pharmacist-administered influenza vaccinations (PD 14 Jan), following a record influenza season in 2014 with more than 11,000 cases reported (PD 07 Jan).

More pharmacists were expected to complete training in the coming weeks, Snelling said.

"Allowing pharmacists to directly administer the flu shot is expected to encourage a greater uptake of the vaccine, especially from people who feel they don't have time to visit their GP."

Health, Beauty and New Products

Welcome to our weekly promoted feature with all the latest health, beauty and new products for pharmacy.

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Italian skincare MonoDermà comes to Australia

Conveniently packaged for the handbag and ideal for travel, **MonoDermà** contains a vitamin concentrate that the distributor Eris Pharma says is designed to improve skin health and radiance. The products are presented in a biodegradable jelly container which prevents them from coming into contact with light or air, maintaining

purity and hygiene. There are three forms: **A15: Exfoliating Anti-Wrinkles**, **C10: Lightening & Anti-Aging** and **E5: Soothing & Hydrating**.

Stockist: 1800 233 588

RRP: \$49.95

Website: www.monoderma.com



Camomile Extract Shampoo by Klorane

Klorane **Camomile Extract Shampoo** has a gentle, emulsifying base and volume building agent which also untangles hair. Klorane says the product is free of synthetic dyes or bleaching agents but generates highlights of golden blonde, bringing a brilliant glow to hair. Camomile Extract Shampoo brings lifeless hair to a healthy shine and can be used in combination with other Klorane products to enhance highlights.

Stockist: 02 8220 4600

RRP: \$10.95 for 200ml

Website: www.genepharm.com.au



Baby Nail Clipper with File by Tweezerman

Keep baby's nails trimmed with this specially designed baby-safe **Baby Nail Clipper with File**. This clipper features a large handle, making it easy to control while the bear-motif file gently shapes and smooths nails after clipping to get rid of sharp edges that can scratch. Tweezerman Baby Nail Clipper with File can also be used on toenails to help keep baby safe from inadvertent scratching.

Stockist: 1800 251 215

RRP: \$14.95

Website: www.datelinecity.com



New Skin Cancer Early Detection Tool - from Skin Patrol

Skin Patrol has developed a new in-home skin cancer detection tool to help identify spots for investigation by a skin professional. The **Skin Cancer Early Detection Tool** simplifies the ABCDE method into five easy to answer Yes/No questions, removing the guesswork out of the process. The tabs in the tool enable even the inexperienced to check for the most common characteristics of melanoma; asymmetry, border regularity, colour, diameter and evolution.

Stockist: 1800 103 074

RRP: \$20.00

Website: www.iamskincancer.com



DISPENSARY CORNER

LOOK at this cake, sir.

If you're counselling customers in weight loss management, you could try telling them to look at some cake, since a study published in *Nature* has suggested that looking at food could stop you craving it.

Apparently, cells in the brain which prompt feelings of hunger seemed to stop firing for a time in mice when food was looked at, the *Telegraph* reports.

Apparently, it's a short lived thing, so for those attempting to look but not touch, it may pay to have a carrot close to hand as well.

TAKE a gander.

Traffic hold-ups outside the pharmacy?

It could be that people are herding geese out of the city, just like in Missoula, Montana, where four women guided two geese and a gosling through the town, and piled up traffic, to a nearby river and safety, *Associated Press* reported.

I SOLEMNLY swear...I think.

If you're a pharmacist practising in Tasmania, you may want to double check that your registration details and any other official documentation are actually correct, given the news that state magistrates have reportedly not been sworn in correctly for about 30 years.

Apparently, a 146 year old law surfaced recently which said magistrates should be sworn in before the Governor, a Queen's representative or Supreme Court judge, which hasn't been going on for quite a while, the *Telegraph* reported.

Retrospective legislation to fix the mistake would be introduced, the publication reported - so no do-overs required!