

Today's issue of PD

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- Pharmacy Alliance

\$8.9m research boost

BOWEL cancer is receiving an \$8.9m injection of funding with the establishment of a professorial Chair in bowel cancer research at the University of Sydney.

Bowel Cancer Australia has committed \$5.9m to the project while a further \$3m has come from other sources.

Ceo Julien Wiggins said there would be an international search in the first half of this year to attract a world-class research leader.

EMA goes digital

THE European Medicines Agency (EMA) has announced that it will transition to mandatory use of electronic application forms for initial marketing authorisations, variations and renewals for human and veterinary medicines.

Centralised procedure applications will be electronic from July this year, while others will take effect from January 2016.

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Blackmores' \$18.6m profit

BLACKMORES Limited has posted net profit after tax of \$18.6m for the half year to 31 Dec, up 54% year on year (**PD** Breaking News yesterday).

This follows \$12.1m in net profit after tax for the half year to 31 Dec 13, which itself was down 10.7% year on year (**PD** 28 Feb 14).

The results are in line with expectations, with Blackmores saying in January that it expected to deliver a 50% increase to its first half profit (**PD** 20 Jan).

The company said \$18.6m was a record result, on half year sales of \$206.4m, itself up 22% year on year.

Ceo Christine Holgate said all regions and brands in the group delivered "strong" year on year growth, positioning the company well for the second half of the financial year.

Blackmores Australia sales were up 29%, boosted by stronger



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pharmacy sales and a growing demand from Chinese customers, she said.

Holgate said Blackmores was delivering against its four strategic priorities which included growing the Australian business and investing in growth in Asia.

"As a result of our strong growth and the significant operational benefits delivered, our Australian business grew Earnings Before Interest and Tax (EBIT) by 61% compared to the same period last year."

The company said it was confident of a "strong full year return".

Its full year profit to 30 Jun 14 was \$25.4m (**PD** 27 Aug 14).

The company also announced a new chief financial officer in Aaron Canning, replacing Chris Last.

MA ACCC submission

MEDICINES Australia (MA) has told the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), in relation to its 18th code of conduct (**PD** 16 Feb), that its timing requirements around submitting reports for a centralised database are not possible, given requirements for healthcare professionals to have six weeks to review information.

Also expressing concerns around privacy breach potential of the reporting system proposed, MA recommended secure but searchable PDF format replace the proposed Excel format to protect the information from misuse.

MA said the ACCC requirement for food and beverage cost trend reporting was effectively asking for the same detail that the ACCC itself in earlier statements had said would represent a 'significant administrative burden'.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see submissions.

Asthma Council Aust pharmacy survey

THE National Asthma Council Australia and Asthma Australia are calling on pharmacists to share their point of view via a new survey to inform the next National Asthma Strategy, the Pharmacy Guild has said in *forefront*.

The Federal government provides \$200,000 for the development of the strategy.

The survey closes 28 Feb.
[CLICK HERE](#) to participate.

Indigenous audiology

OUTREACH hearing health services for Indigenous children and young people in the Northern Territory recorded improved outcomes for 41% of 498 children from their work in the period 2013-14, according to a report released by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

Twenty six percent regained normal hearing in both ears at their last check and 15% had their hearing loss improve so only one ear was affected, AIHW spokesperson Dr Fadwa Al-Yaman said.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the full report.


\$87.5m hep C PBS bill

THE inquiry by the Standing Committee on Health investigating hepatitis C in Australia has heard that \$87.5m was spent on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) for hepatitis C treatments including peginterferon, ribavirin, telaprevir and boceprevir in 2013-14.

A further \$7.6m was spent on hepatitis C testing, with Department of Health chief medical officer Professor Chris Baggeley saying this was surprising in comparison with the lower priority of vitamin D deficiency testing which cost \$130m.

About 4,400 patients were currently treated with a PBS subsidised antiviral, the Department of Health submission said.

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6-8 Mar: Annual Therapeutic Update; Terrigal; for more details visit: www.psa.org.au

7 Mar: Better Pharmacy Futures Forum; Terrigal; more details at: www.psa.org.au

7-8 Mar: Oncology - Foundation Seminar; Melbourne; see: www.cpd.shpa.org.au

10 Mar: Cardiovascular Update: Dyslipidemia; St Leonards; see: www.guild.org.au

12-15 Mar: Pharmacy Guild of Australia Annual National Conference APP 2015, Gold Coast - see www.appconference.com

15 Mar: Bridging the Gap Workshop; St Leonards; more details at: www.psa.org.au

31 Mar: Cardiovascular Update: Atrial Fibrillation and Anticoagulants; St Leonards; more at: www.guild.org.au

PBS listing lag costs lives - Meds Oz

THE lag between Therapeutic Goods Administration approval of new cancer drugs and listing on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme is costing patients' lives, Medicines Australia has said.

In its submission to the Senate Community Affairs Reference Committee inquiry into the availability of new, innovative and specialist cancer drugs (*PD* 05 Dec 14), the organisation said Australia was the "cancer capital" of the world.

Ceo Tim James said it was now likely, with current longevity rates, that half of all Australians would develop cancer in their lifetime and one in five would die from it.

The benefits of cancer drugs were incremental, building on previous results to produce other treatments targeting different cancer groups.

"The delay in listing medicines has a detrimental impact on health outcomes for individual cancer patients, their carers and the community as a whole.

"We are calling on Government to reconsider the system for access to new cancer medicines, because the current process, focussing on cost as opposed to value, is simply not good enough.

"Cancer patients can't wait any longer."

The submission will be available by 5pm [HERE](#).

Calcium perinatal benefits questioned

THE role of calcium supplementation on maternal, foetal and neonatal outcomes has been challenged in a Cochrane Database Systematic Review paper by the Cochrane Pregnancy and Childbirth Group.

From all published, unpublished and ongoing randomised controlled trials investigated, 23 studies met inclusion criteria for the review and contributed data from 17,842 women.

The authors concluded that there were no clear additional benefits to calcium supplementation in prevention of preterm birth or low infant birthweight.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the review paper.

FDA approves Avycaz

THE US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved Avycaz (ceftazidime-avibactam), a new antibacterial drug product, to treat adults with complicated intra-abdominal infections (cIAI) under specific circumstances.

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Apparently, Mayor Kristof Pajer hoped the plan would attract more tourists to revitalise the area, the publication reported.

So, for about \$990 a day, you could set up your own pharmacy, as well as have access to four streets, a bus stop, a barn and 10 acres of farmland - nice 'n' spacious.

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We're not sure if this would work in pharmacy, but swimwear company ModCloth has persuaded its staff to model its latest range of body positive cossies, *Orange News* reported.

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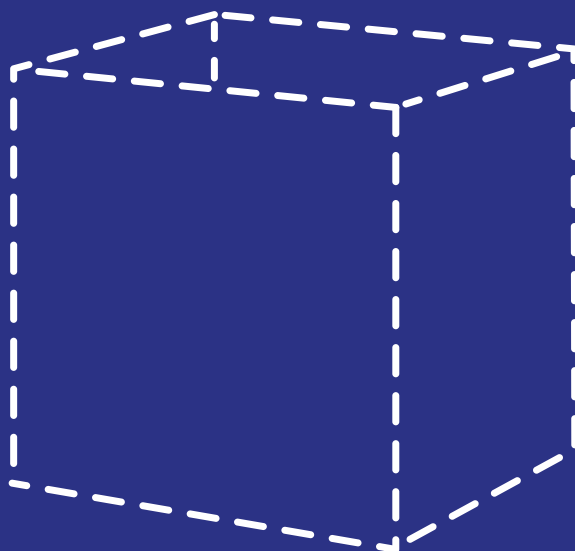
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