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UK NHS cuts 25 cancer therapies

WHILE the UK NHS Cancer Drugs Fund (CDF) has announced an increased budget for cancer drugs from £280m in 2014/15 to £340m in 2015/16, there has still been a removal of 25 drugs from funding, leaving 59 to rollover into the CDF next year.

A national panel comprised of oncologists, pharmacists and patient advocates independently reviewed the 84 drugs currently available through the CDF for clinical benefit, survival, quality of life, toxicity, safety, level of unmet need and median cost per patient.

The NHS said that if the review had not been carried out and cuts made, its bill would run out to around £420m next year.

With the funding increase and reduced drugs list, new products could now be funded, it said.

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SA pharm flu vax ticked

THE South Australian government has confirmed regulatory changes to allow pharmacist-administered influenza vaccinations in the state (*PD* Breaking News yesterday).

The changes would add pharmacists as a class of registered health practitioner able to administer a drug as part of an immunisation program under the Controlled Substances Act, a SA Department of Health spokesperson told *PD*.

Previously, only a registered nurse could administer an influenza vaccination in a pharmacy.

SA pharmacists would be able to provide the vaccine to adults over 16 years of age not eligible for a free shot as part of the National Immunisation Program, SA Minister for Health Jack Snelling's office said.

The Pharmacy Guild was in the process of developing its training program which the Department

hoped to have approved when flu vaccines were available, in either late March or early April, the spokesperson said.

A Pharmaceutical Society of Australia spokesperson said the organisation was currently working with the SA government in regards to providing training and was waiting on definition of requirements as defined by the SA Vaccine Administration Code.

In announcing the change, SA Minister for Health Jack Snelling said the move came following a record flu season in 2014, with more than 11,000 cases reported (*PD* 07 Jan) as well as the success of the Queensland Pharmacist Immunisation Pilot (QPIP).

"Allowing pharmacists to directly administer the flu shot will encourage a greater uptake of the vaccine in 2015."

Pharmacy Guild SA branch president Nick Panayiaris said the change was a welcome common sense measure and said Snelling should be congratulated for moving straight to implementation on the back of the QPIP.

SA joins Western Australian and the Northern Territory in allowing pharmacist-administered influenza vaccinations, with NSW Minister for Health Jillian Skinner saying she supports the idea and Queensland conducting the QPIP (*PD* 03 Dec).

The Victorian Department of Health said pharmacists could not administer vaccines but the government had funded 20 pharmacies to stay open 24 hours a day, seven days a week with night nurses (*PD* 28 Nov).

The ACT Department of Health did not respond to a request for comment.

CLICK HERE to read more about the change.

Oversupply, low wages top concerns

A STUDY of 833 pharmacy students from 19 universities has found graduate oversupply, discount model pharmacies and low wages are the top concerns for undergraduate pharmacy students in the country for the fourth year running.

The National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association's (NAPSA) National Pharmacy Student Survey also found 77% of students would like to experience rural university placements, with 85% saying they would be more willing to commit to such a placement if further funding were available.

NAPSA president Sam Turner said the results were of "great concern" to the industry, which needed to address the perception or issues around these concerns.

The survey also found that mental health and pharmacy business management were areas students believed their degrees were still missing.

NAPSA industrial affairs committee chair Kieran Ferguson said the upcoming congress had provided further education in these areas.

Statins and cognition

STATIN therapy was not associated with cognitive impairment in randomised clinical trials (RCTs), according to a recent meta-analysis published in the *Journal of General Internal Medicine*.

Twenty five RCTs, all placebo-controlled, reporting cognitive outcomes in 46,836 subjects, were examined revealing no significant adverse effects on cognition, the authors said.

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BRING on the bollards.

You don't just need bollards out the front of your pharmacy to protect your business and customers; apparently you need them out the back as well.

A man from Maine has been charged with aggravated criminal mischief, operating under the influence and attempted burglary for using a snowplow in his attempt to break into the back of a Mt Blue pharmacy last week.

The snowplow was attached to a pickup truck and presented a formidable weapon to attempt the ram raid, AP reported.

The suspect was apprehended by police alerted to the event by passing shoppers who thought it looked "funny" - 'sno joke.

PRESCRIPTION for 'Fluffy'?

If you see any dogs walk into your pharmacy in a self-possessed manner to casually peruse your shelves, it's only one step further from Eclipse the Labrador from Seattle.

Eclipse and her owner Jeff Young reportedly use the bus to get to the dog park some three to four stops from home, with Young saying sometimes Eclipse will take the bus without him, watching for her stop through the windows, and he catches up at the park, Associated Press has reported.

Apparently, a Metro Transit spokesperson was quoted as saying the agency loved that a dog appreciated public transport.

PANT no thang.

Get any pants-less visitors in the pharmacy on Sunday?

They may have been taking part in No Pants Day, an event which started as a prank and now involves people the world over not wearing pants when commuting, the Telegraph reported.

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