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Don't delay CPA call

THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia gave evidence yesterday to the Senate Economics Legislation committee inquiry into the National Health Amendment Bill, and has said it is now hopeful of a timely passage of the Bill through the Senate.

The Guild says the passage of the Bill by 30 Jun is vital to achieve certainty for Australia's 5,450 local community pharmacies, their patients, and their 60,000 staff, given that it brings into play the PBS Access and Sustainability Package, which was formally announced by the Minister for Health on 27 May.

The Package defines pharmacy funding, medicines pricing arrangements and other measures to broaden access to medicines.

Supporting the appeal, the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) has called upon the Senate not to delay the passage of the Bill which is key to implementation of the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement (6CPA).

PSA national president Grant Kardachi said that the Bill needed to be passed by 30 Jun so that the 6CPA could progress to benefit consumers, especially through funding for pharmacist-delivered professional services.

CSL buys flu Rx rights

CSL has announced that it has acquired exclusive rights to commercialise influenza treatment Rapivab (peramivir injection) from US-based BioCryst Pharmaceuticals.

The single-dose IV treatment for uncomplicated influenza, although not yet approved in Australia, was approved for use in the US in Dec 2014 and is also licensed for use in Japan and South Korea.

It is estimated that approximately one million patients have been treated with Rapivab to date.

The product will be commercialised by CSL's subsidiary, bioCSL, which specializes in influenza prevention through the supply of seasonal and pandemic vaccine to global markets.

BioCSL will have exclusive rights, worldwide except for Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Israel, the company said, while BioCryst will still control pandemic stockpiling in the US.

All stockpiling outside the US will fall to bioCSL.

"We are delighted to add Rapivab to our product portfolio" said bioCSL gm and senior vp Dr John Anderson.

"Rapivab is a specialty pharmaceutical that addresses an unmet medical need for the

treatment of acute influenza in the hospital emergency room setting.

"It provides us with the opportunity to extend our influenza franchise to include both prevention and treatment options in seasonal and pandemic settings."

Under the terms of the agreement, BioCryst will receive an upfront payment of \$33.7m which bioCSL will capitalize at the time of payment and subsequently amortize, while an additional amount up to \$12m will be payable dependent on achievement of certain regulatory milestones.

Additional tiered royalties will accrue to BioCryst contingent on sales thresholds and payments for stockpiling purchases outside the US, the company said.

Ibuprofen CV risk low

NZ MEDSAFE and the Medicines Adverse Reactions Committee (MARC) have concluded that there is a small increased risk of cardiovascular thrombotic events with ibuprofen, when used at high doses (2,400 mg per day) and in long-term treatment, but not at lower doses in short term use.

CLICK HERE for more detail.

Selling your pharmacy

PHARMACY Solutions has all the answers to help you maximise your return, and a holiday incentive as well - see **page three**.

New prostate c. hope

WITHIN 10 years it may be possible to announce that no Australian men need die of prostate cancer, according to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.

Foundation ceo Associate Professor Anthony Lowe said solving the tragedy of low survival rates for men with advanced prostate cancer is a huge priority for the prostate cancer community.

"In Australia prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer with 19,993 new cases in 2011," he said.

"It is the fourth most common cause of male deaths overall after coronary heart disease, lung cancer and cerebrovascular disease with over 3,000 deaths a year."

Lowe added that it's less about a cure and more about delaying the onset of metastatic prostate cancer.

Key research areas include earlier use of chemotherapy, combining it with other medicines and developing new therapies to combine with other approaches.

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- 20-21 Jun:** Evidence Based Seminar; Sydney; details at: www.cpd.shpa.org.au
- 24 Jun:** Cardiovascular Update: Dyslipidemia; Newcastle; see: www.guild.org.au
- 5 Jul:** Provide First Aid; Parramatta RSL Club; visit: www.psa.org.au
- 7 Jul:** Cardiovascular Update: Atrial Fibrillation and Anticoagulants; Central Coast; visit: www.guild.org.au
- 6-9 Jul:** Pharmacy Alliance Members' Forum; Honolulu USA; more details at: www.pharmacyalliance.com.au
- 10-12 Jul:** Clinical Pharmacy Practice Seminar (foundation); Mercure Hotel, Sydney; details at: www.cpd.shpa.org.au
- 14 Jul:** Making the most of your aged care services; St Leonards; details at: www.guild.org.au
- 17 Jul:** Effective Workplace Relationships workshop; AIM Brisbane; more info at: www.cpd.shpa.org.au
- 31 Jul-2 Aug:** PSA15; Sofitel Sydney Wentworth; visit: www.psa.org.au/psa15
- 7-8 Aug:** Critical Care Seminar (advanced); Rydges Sydney Central; further details at: www.cpd.shpa.org.au

Men's health phcy push

PHARMACISTS are ideally positioned to provide men advice relating to their health at all levels such as taking medications, quitting smoking, exercising and eating healthily, according to GuildCare.

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia has said that nearly 100 Australian men suffer a heart attack every day and more than 75% were measured to be pre-obese or obese in GuildCare programs.

The GuildCare Health Check enables pharmacists to screen for most men's health risk factors including heart disease, type 2 diabetes and mental health, the Guild said.

As part of Men's Health Week, GuildLink has prepared a set of handy tips for pharmacists in consultation with Andrology Australia to help break down the barriers in attracting male customers to participate in a GuildCare health check.

The recommendations for pharmacists are six: to set up a 'men-friendly' area in-store, using special event days start conversations with men around their health, state the benefits of a Health Check, provide relevant targeted information, debunk

myths using *Engaging Men in Primary Care Settings* from Andrology Australia and register events at Men's Health Week.

Resource materials to promote and guide health screenings for men within pharmacy are available by **CLICKING HERE**.

MHRA online sale rule

PHARMACIES and other entities in the UK wanting to sell medicines online to the public will be required to be registered with the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) and to be on the MHRA's list of UK registered online retail sellers effective 01 Jul.

Sellers will also need to display on every page of their website the new European common logo which is registered to the seller and contains a hyperlink to their MHRA entry.

Vit D for muscles too

NOT only is Vitamin D important for remodelling bone, it has now been shown to have a role in skeletal muscle health too, according to work published in *Therapeutic Advances in Musculo-skeletal Disease* - **CLICK HERE**.

Win with MILKY FOOT

This week **Pharmacy Daily** and **Biorevive** are giving away one Milky Foot Active (RRP\$32.95) each day.

New Milky Foot Active from the Milky Foot range is a new innovative DIY foot treatment than contains tannic acid (tea derivative) to combat foot odour. Standing all day, restrictive shoes, nylon stockings, exercising in sport shoes can all contribute to funky smelling feet. Milky Foot Active has an intense peeling process that starts at about 3-5 days - so by the end of the week, your feet are beautifully soft, fresh and odour-free! Available in one size: up to 11 for men, 13 for women.

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CUSTOMS officials in Miami, Florida have foiled a drug smuggler this week who attempted to bring cocaine into the US hidden inside some freshly fried fish.

Border police smelt something fishy - literally - when they noticed "inconsistencies in the shape and size" of the creatures which were part of the luggage of a passenger disembarking from Jamaica.

The scales of justice will now be applied to the miscreant, who's probably looking somewhat green around the gills.

JUST about any form of exercise can be good for your health - but we're not so sure about the "sport" of toe-wrestling.

But several hundred enthusiasts gathered in the UK last week to see British athlete Alan "Nasty" Nash win his twelfth world title.

The 2015 World Championship for Toe Wrestling took place in the village of Fenny Bentley in northern England.

Nash, who's pictured below doing a quick work-out before entering the ring, said he "just loves the fact that this is the one sport that England always wins at."

"My technique is to hurt the first person that comes into the ring with me: hurt them bad and terrify everyone else," he added.

Each bout involves contestants locking their big toes together before attempting to force their opponent's foot to the ground.



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