

Devices safety update

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has posted its latest Medical Devices Safety Update with advice relating to 17 products - go to www.tga.gov.au.

WIN A NEW PRODUCT PACK

This week **Pharmacy Daily** and **Innoxa** are giving away a new product pack including Organic Gentle Cleansing Gel (\$14.99 RRP), Organic Hydrating Daily Moisturiser (\$24.99 RRP) and Organic Brightening Eye Cream (\$19.99 RRP).



Introducing NEW Innoxa Organic skincare. This brand new skincare range enriches your skin naturally. The certified organic aloe vera based formulations combine with organic nourishing oils, vitamins and botanicals to deliver healthier, firmer, smoother and more hydrated skin. The organic care regime to beautiful skin includes products to cleanse, enrich, protect, nourish and treat, all affordable at under \$25rrp!

To win, be the first from **WA** to send the correct answer to the following question to comp@pharmacydaily.com.au

True or false: the Innoxa Organic range is suitable for all skin types including sensitive? Need a hint? [CLICK HERE](#).

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Joanne Fleming from Symbion.

NDSS remuneration in 6CPA

THE newly signed Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement (**PD** breaking news) will see pharmacy recognised for its role in supplying products for the National Diabetes Support Scheme (NDSS) - previously one of the unremunerated services provided by community pharmacies.

Guild President George Tambassis said that from Jul 2016 the NDSS will be redirected through the pharmacy wholesaler distribution network and community pharmacies, "with remuneration for both groups".

The now signed 6CPA incorporates measures previously flagged in the Letter of Intent (**PD** 19 May) including the CPI-linked Administration, Handling and

Infrastructure fee, location rules, professional programs and services, and the ongoing Community Service Obligation.

It's still contingent on the passage of legislation related to the government's wider PBS savings agenda, which is expected to be introduced into Federal Parliament by Health Minister Sussan Ley today.

The 6CPA has seen the govt commit to \$50m for a Pharmacy Trial program to pilot new and expanded community pharmacy programs to improve clinical outcomes and extend the role of pharmacists in the delivery of healthcare services.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the full 6CPA.

Post-market statistics

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has released 2014 statistics prepared by its Post-market Surveillance Branch.

The report includes a brief overview on adverse event reporting and processing, expert advisory committees, product vigilance and 'safety through reporting' online learning modules for health professionals.

In 2014 the TGA received about 16,500 reports of adverse events, with the majority (51%) made by product sponsors.

13% came from hospitals and hospital pharmacists and 8% were via community pharmacists.

Just 5% came from GPs and 3% of adverse event reports were directly from consumers, while 3% came from other sources.

See tga.gov.au for details.

New APC president

DEBRA Rowett has been elected as president of the Australian Pharmacy Council (APC), replacing outgoing president John Low.

Rowett is a pharmacist and director of the Drug and Therapeutics Information Service at the Repatriation General Hospital in her home state of South Australia.

Congratulating Rowett on her appointment, Low said "as President I have seen Debra's collaborative and inclusive approach as Chair of the Accreditation Committee and a member of Council.

"I truly wish Debra all the very best at the helm of the APC and know she will do an outstanding job."

University of Queensland former Head of School of Pharmacy, Professor Nick Shaw was elected as vice president, replacing Rowett.

The appointments are both for a two year term.

Meet your kidneys

KIDNEY Health Australia is asking all Australians to meet their kidneys in its national awareness campaign, Kidney Health Week 24-30 May.

Although an estimated 1.7 million Australians have indicators of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD), less than 10% realise they have the condition, the organisation said.

CEO Anne Wilson believes the general public needs to be more aware of what their kidneys do.

"The kidneys are vital organs - just like the heart, brain, or lungs - if they shut down, your body shuts down," she said.

Amcal and Guardian pharmacies are also supporting the initiative to raise awareness of kidney health.

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Health, Beauty and New Products

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Suppliers wanting to promote products in this feature should email newproducts@pharmacydaily.com.au

Faulding WoundCare+ for everyday wounds

Pharmacy-only brand Faulding has developed a new affordable range of products to treat everyday wounds such as cuts, abrasions, lacerations and superficial burns. Faulding introduces **WoundCare+**, employing advanced moist wound technology which promotes faster healing while helping reduce pain and prevent scarring, the company says. The range includes an innovative new product – the Finger Bob, a slip and damage resistant fixation bandage.

Stockist: 03 9918 5579

RRP: From \$5.95

Website: www.faulding.com.au



Adidas Action 3 APD Sprays

Adidas **Action 3 APD Sprays** are available in intensive formulas for normal, sensitive and reactive skin, or fresh, for a cooling sensation on normal skin. The spray-on formulas offer superior 24-hour protection from wetness and odour. Adidas Action 3 APD Sprays are alcohol-free, dermatologically tested and now available in four variations: Fresh, Intensive, Control and ProLevel.

Stockist: 1800 812 663

RRP: \$6.29 for 200 ml

Website: www.coty.com

Herbal Mint Conditioner from Head of Hair

Head of Hair **Herbal Mint Conditioner** is made from agents derived from grape seed, coconut, and palm oil. The conditioner leaves hair soft and silky with a smooth and shiny finish. Wheat proteins in the formula strengthen and fortify hair from within, the company says. The conditioner is presented in a striking, easy to read black and white livery, highlighting the now iconic Head of Hair logo.

Stockist: 02 9966 0250

RRP: \$27.95

Website: www.headofhair.com.au



Color Sensational Vivids Lip Color by Maybelline

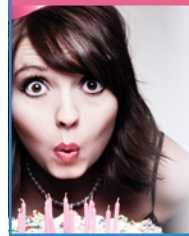
Maybelline **Color Sensational Vivids Lip Color** is a vibrant lipstick available in eight different shades. The formula features freshly pressed pigments for stunning colour and nourishing honey nectar for a creamier feel on the lips. Color Sensational Vivids Lip Color is now available in Fuchsia Flash, Vivid Rose, Hot Plum, Shocking Coral, Vibrant Mandarin, Pink Pop, Electric Orange and Neon Red, all housed in a classy metallic-look sleeve.

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DISPENSARY CORNER

IT may be time for another cuppa.

A report on *The Conversation* website earlier this week cites systematic reviews of research into coffee consumption as saying that "current evidence [is] mostly in favour of drinking coffee".

A review of 20 studies - covering almost one million people - found that those who drank the most coffee had a 14% lower risk of dying prematurely from any cause compared to those in the cohort who drank the least.

Coffee drinking was also cited as being linked to lower incidence of type 2 diabetes and some types of cancer, the report said.

However a cautionary note warned that high intakes of caffeine can increase blood pressure in the short term which can exacerbate heart problems.

SIX Africans have been put into prison isolation in Guinea, over accusations they travelled in a taxi with the corpse of a relative who had died of Ebola disease.

Officials said the body was seated upright in the vehicle, dressed in jeans and a T-shirt with sunglasses, and propped up between three other passengers.

If the alleged offenders show no signs of having the virus after three weeks in isolation they will face charges of violating the country's health emergency.

More than 2,500 people in the West African nation have died since the Ebola epidemic broke out over 12 months ago, and while the disease is now relatively contained officials are battling a flare up in Ebola cases.

Transportation of victims is cited as a major cause of the spread of Ebola, with devastated family members returning the bodies to their home villages to undergo traditional burials.