

Healthcare Atlas

AUSTRALIA'S first Atlas of Healthcare Variation has been released, showing big differences in use of healthcare across the country. Compiled from PBS, MBS and other data, the report is available at safetyandquality.gov.au/atlas.

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Victoria's Super Pharmacies

THE Victorian government has announced the opening of tenders to deliver its Super Pharmacies Initiative creating five 24-hour, 7-day-a-week pharmacies by June 2016, as the first stage of a plan to deliver 20 Super Pharmacies by 2018.

The pharmacies will provide 24/7 services with a nurse present 6 to 10 pm daily to deliver "basic care, face-to-face advice and treatment for minor injury and illness."

"The Government recognises community pharmacies have a trusted role in the healthcare system at a local level and are well placed to accommodate additional assessment and treatment services in a safe environment," Minister for Health Jill Hennessy said.

"This service will help ease the pressure on hospital staff – allowing doctors and nurses to concentrate on treating the sickest patients presenting in hospital emergency departments," she added.

Other initiatives announced would see pharmacists deliver flu and adult whooping cough vaccinations and manage patients with chronic diseases, in partnership with GPs.

Flu vaccines in pharmacies commence next year and whooping cough for adults in 2017, Hennessy said, pointing out that eligible adults will be able to access the

Today's issue of PD

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Kappa-Swisse deal

NORWEGIAN vitamin K2 maker Kappa Bioscience has reached a new collaboration with Swisse Wellness based on Kappa's K2 MK-7 inclusion in a new multivitamin for heart and bone health.

As yet unapproved, the new product would be marketed through PGT Consumer Healthcare through European countries "early in 2016", the company said.

Biosimilar incentives

BRITAIN'S National Health Service may introduce incentives to take advantage of the budget savings achievable by biosimilar substitution, as biosimilars become more widely approved through Europe and begin to occupy a larger proportion of the market.

Speaking at a conference in London this week Malcolm Qualie, pharmacy lead, specialised services at NHS England, gave the example of Hospira's infliximab biosimilar Inflectra, which he said could save Europe €20 billion by 2020, he said.

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Newest AusPARs

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has released new Australian Public Assessment Reports (AusPARs) for UCB's Cimzia (certolizumab pegol) for joint damage progression, Bayer's Stivarga (regorafenib) for certain gastric tumours and Celgene's Otezla (apremilast) indicated for psoriasis under certain conditions.

Events Calendar

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If you have an upcoming event you'd like us to feature, email info@pharmacydaily.com.au.

3-6 Dec: Medicines Management 2015, the 41st SHPA National Conference; Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre; more info at: www.cpd.shpa.org.au

3-10 Jan 2016: Education Vacation, Canyons/Park City USA; more info from www.cpdconferencing.com.au

8-10 Feb: 2016 Pharmeducation Clinical Update Seminar; Crowne Plaza Melbourne; see: www.pharmeducation.com.au

13-14 Feb: Evidence Based Practice Seminar; Rydges Sydney Central; details at: www.cpd.shpa.org.au

19-21 Feb: Foundation Clinical Pharmacy Practice; Novotel Brisbane; for more info visit: www.cpd.shpa.org.au

5 Mar: Emergency Medicine Seminar; Crowne Plaza Melbourne; details at: www.cpd.shpa.org.au

17-20 Mar: Pharmacy Guild of Australia Annual National Conference APP 2016, Gold Coast - more information at: www.appconference.com

API to offload CH2 stake

AUSTRALIAN Pharmaceutical Industries (API) will take a \$2.8 million hit from the sale of its shareholding in hospital supplies distribution business, CH2 Holdings Pty Ltd which trades as Clifford Hallam Healthcare.

API confirmed yesterday it had entered into an agreement for the sale of the business, in which it holds a 45.5% stake.

Other shareholders include private equity firm Allegro Funds Management.

CEO Stephen Roche said that API had previously advised that CH2 was "not a long term asset that fitted the strategic direction of the company".

He said the sale, to an undisclosed private buyer, would pay out the CH2 debt and provide a minimum of \$4 million in cash to API, meaning the company "books a loss on the sale of a maximum of \$2.8 million after disposal costs".

Roche said while the loss was disappointing, the sale would allow management time and company resources to be focused on core assets which would deliver more value to API shareholders.

An information flyer relating to the divestment process indicated

CH2 recorded over \$900m in revenue in 2014/15 and services around 20,000 customer accounts.

Last year API recorded a \$21m impairment in relation to CH2.

The sale is scheduled to settle early next month.

Ramzan remains Dean

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of Sydney Faculty of Pharmacy has announced that Professor Iqbal Ramzan (pictured) will continue in his role as Dean until Dec 2017.

"Under Professor Ramzan's leadership, we have made significant progress, including improved teaching and research as well as accreditation achievements for flagship degree programs," the announcement said.

Ramzan completed his Pharmacy training in NZ and his MSc and PhD at The University of Sydney specialising in drug pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics.



DISPENSARY CORNER

THIS guy has the looks... and the brains - lots of them.

A 23-year-old US man has pleaded guilty to six charges of burglary, in relation to incidents where he broke into a medical museum and stole a number of preserved human brains.

David Charles from Indianapolis, Indiana also stole other tissue with the bizarre aim of selling the items online.

On multiple occasions he stole from the Indiana Medical History Museum, according to prosecutors, and was arrested after a man who bought six jars of brain material on eBay for \$600 alerted the police.

NO, it's not the first of April but it certainly seems like it.

A newly founded Australian company says it's working on technology which will allow a person's consciousness to be stored after their death.

Humai is targeting "human resurrection through artificial intelligence," with the company's website detailing the process.

"We're using artificial intelligence and nanotechnology to store data of conversational styles, behavioural patterns, thought processes and information about how your body functions from the inside out".

The data will be "coded into multiple sensor technologies, which will be built into an artificial body with the brain of a deceased human," with cloning technology used to "restore the brain as it matures," the site adds.

In an interview with *Australian Popular Science*, ceo Josh Bocanegra said Humai aims to cheat death in the next 30 years.

"I don't think of it as fighting death, I think of it as making death optional," he said.

Win with sukin

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