

TGA allergy warning

THE TGA has issued an update about the potential risks of allergic reactions associated with products containing the herbal ingredient *Andrographis paniculata* - also known as kalmegh, green chiretta and chuanxinlian.

The move follows a safety review of the ingredient which has been used traditionally to relieve fever, cough and cold symptoms, and gastro-intestinal upsets.

Products that include *A.paniculata* are currently listed on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods with a wide range of indications, and there are currently no restrictions or label warnings required for the use of the ingredient in medicines in Australia.

The TGA safety review looked at 43 reports of anaphylaxis and 78 reports of other allergic-type reactions associated with products that contain *A.paniculata*.

It concluded that the ingredient "might cause or play a contributing role in these adverse reactions, including when used in multi-ingredient formulations".

The TGA is now considering whether any further action is required and is continuing to monitor *A.paniculata* products.

Sanofi kids diabetes pilot

SANOFI Diabetes has announced the launch of a pilot support program for children with diabetes in Queensland.

Titled the CoSTARS Junior program it aims to help set young patients on the right path from their first diagnosis, providing tailored educational and emotional support strategies for children, parents and school staff.

A patient's paediatric endocrinologist will appoint a credentialed diabetes educator to monitor the child's progress, working to develop tailored care plans for school-aged children with type 1 and type 2 diabetes, providing knowledge around management of the condition including correct insulin injection techniques.

It's applicable to children under 18 with diabetes who have been prescribed Lantus and/or Apidra.



Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news plus a full page from **Instigo**.

Analgesic clarification

THIS week's recall of some children's medications, including specific paracetamol and ibuprofen products sold under the Terry White Chemists and Apohealth brands (**PD** yesterday) does not impact Chemmart or Pharmacy Choice products.

Pharmacists monkey around in Borneo



DELEGATES attending the recent Borneo Pharmacy Conference have returned home after updating their knowledge via a series of educational lectures.

Organised by CPD Conferencing, the event also offered an experience of Kota Kinabalu including visiting the orangutans at the nature reserve adjoining the conference venue, Shangri-La's Rasa Risa Resort (inset).

Pictured above from left are Sarah Spagnardi, NPS Medicinewise; Les Regos; Linda Martin, CPD Conferencing; Nick and Jacquie Serafim, Serafim's Bourke St Pharmacy; Ben Caplan, CPD

Conferencing; Jacki Regos, Hilam Pharmacy Edgecliff; and Debbie Rigby, Pharmeducation.

The next CPD Conferencing event will take place 03-10 Jan 2016 at the massive Park City Mountain/Canyons Resort in Utah, USA.

The 8-day conference will offer early morning and later afternoon education sessions so delegates can also experience the resort's world class ski offering - 02 9233 6466.



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15-17 Oct: The Pharmacy Assistant National Conference; QT Gold Coast; details at: www.pharmacyassistants.com

20 Oct: Shaping Your Pharmacy's Future – Strategy Workshop; Hawthorn Arts Centre, Vic; info and registration at: www.pharmacyguild.edu.au/business

23-24 Oct: Blackmores Institute Symposium 2015; Pullman Melbourne Albert Park; visit: www.ivvy.com/event/BIS15

27 Oct: QCPP Refresher Training, Sunshine Coast; info and registration: www.guild.org.au/qldcpd

29 Oct: Complementary Medicines Australia (CMA) 2015 Annual Conference; Doltone House - Jones Bay Wharf; Sydney; more details at: www.cmaustralia.org.au

4 Nov: QCPP Refresher Training, Mackay; info and registration: www.guild.org.au/qldcpd

7 Nov: ASMI Annual Conference, AGM & Awards Dinner; Waterview Convention Centre, Homebush; visit: www.asmi.com.au

9-11 Nov: National Allied Health Conference (NAHC) - *Allied Health: Front and Centre*; Crown Conference Centre, Melbourne; see: www.nahc.com.au

Riley new VPA chair

TONI Riley has been named as the new chairperson of the Victorian Pharmacy Authority.

Riley has been a pharmacist member of the Authority since Oct 2012, and has been appointed through until 30 Jun 2018.

She was also recently appointed as Project Manager of the National Return and Disposal of Unwanted Medicines Limited (*PD* 27 Aug).

Victorian police pharmacist Robert Jamieson has also been appointed as a pharmacist member of the VPA.

Medlab results

ASX-LISTED Medlab Clinical has cited results of a recent investigation involving a multi-strain probiotic preparation in a mice model of High Fat Diet (HFD)/obesity induced liver steatosis.

"The results convincingly demonstrated a reduction in the progression of HFD induced steatosis," the company said.

More pharmacists

A PHARMACY workforce report released at last week's FIP conference in Germany details the growth of pharmacist numbers across the globe, reflecting "positive changes in policy and capacity building" - **CLICK HERE**.

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ASMI hails TCM prize

THE Australian Self-Medication Industry says the awarding of the 2015 Nobel Prize in Physiology of Medicine to Chinese researcher Youyou Tu is a "big win" for Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM).

Tu is the first China-based scientist to win a science Nobel, and has been recognised for the development of the antimalarial drug artemisinin (qinghaosu) in the late 1960s and 1970s.

Artemisinin-based combination therapies are recommended by the World Health Organization as the first-line treatment for malaria.

Tu was the first to extract the biologically active component of the Chinese herb *Artemisia annua* (sweet wormwood) which led to the clinical study and eventual commercialisation of the drug.

Another Telstra buy

TELSTRA Health has announced the acquisition of WA-based EOS Technologies, a division of in-home health provider Silver Chain Group.

EOS Technologies was established to develop and commercialise the desktop and smartphone-based ComCare management system used by Silver Chain nurses.

Telstra Health is also a major shareholder in pharmacy software provider Fred IT.

Epic so hot right now

EPIC Pharmacy has been announced as the principal sponsorship partner of the WBBL Brisbane Heat cricket team, which will compete this summer in the inaugural Women's Big Bash League which will run across Dec and Jan.

The move will also see Epic become the official healthcare partner of Queensland Cricket.



DISPENSARY CORNER

FANS of pop star Justin Bieber are being offered an opportunity to own some of his saliva.

The manager of a music venue in Auckland, New Zealand, is auctioning a nearly-empty bottle of Hennessy cognac which the singer was apparently chugging down during an impromptu performance last week.

Bieber landed in the city on Wednesday and that night turned up during a gig at The Studio, joining hip-hop duo Rae Sremmurd on stage as he swigged from the bottle.

According to the *Dominion Post*, manager Al Jepsen got his hands on the bottle afterwards, and is offering it on the TradeMe online auction website.

He claims there are probably 20-30ml left in the bottle, and estimates that 70% of it is Bieber backwash.

Described as a "must have" for any diehard fan, Jepsen says the surplus saliva is "the closest you'll probably get to a real kiss from the Bieb himself".

The auction closes this weekend, with the precious bottle having so far attracted five bids for a stunning total of NZ\$30.86.

Jepsen dashed the hopes of one enquirer about whether Justin himself comes with the bottle, but said perhaps in the future DNA could be extracted from the saliva in order to create Bieber 2.0.

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How long does Longwear Matte Lip Gloss last for?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Julia Phipps from Sturt Fleurieu.



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