

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news, plus a full page from **Pharmacy 4 Less**.

Online regos open

THE Pharmacy Board of Australia has advised that online renewal of registration is now open for pharmacists registered in Australia.

Those due to renew their general or non-practising registration by 30 Nov can apply online now at www.pharmacyboard.gov.au.

EMA tackling antibiotics

THE European Medicines Agency overnight released a draft guideline on the use of pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics analyses in the development of antibiotics.

Open for public consultation, the document aims to help facilitate and speed up the development of new antibiotics - particularly those targeting multi-drug resistant bacteria.

"The increasing emergence of bacteria that have become resistant to a wide range of antibiotics is

a major and global public health issue," the EMA said.

"New antibiotics are urgently needed for the treatment of serious infectious diseases, in particular when patients have very limited or no remaining treatment options".

The EMA says a central pillar in its strategy to fight antimicrobial resistance is to "offer an environment that stimulates and facilitates development of innovative antibiotics".

The new document provides guidance for the conduct of robust pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics analyses, with modelling and simulation methods conducted prior to the start of human clinical trials providing evidence about the appropriateness of dose and frequency of administration that should be used in patients to achieve optimal risk-benefit results.

If these analyses are conducted in a robust manner they "have the potential to reduce the size of the clinical development program," the EMA said.

The draft guideline, which can be viewed at www.ema.europa.eu, is now open for public comment until 31 Mar 2016.

HIV testing study

A NEW study published in the *Journal of the American Pharmacists Association* has found that in-pharmacy HIV testing can provide an alternative additional venue for increasing the availability and accessibility of HIV testing services in the USA.

The cost analysis study looked at a pilot project which provided confidential in-pharmacy HIV rapid testing services in community pharmacies and retail clinics, in a range of ownership structures.

It aimed to provide details of the impacts of implementing the service in a busy retail environment, in order to provide policy leaders with adequate information for planning.

As well as the costs of test kits, supplies, training, reporting, administration and advertising the researchers measured the time taken by staff to do the testing.

The average cost per person tested was an estimated US\$47.21, or \$32.17 when only recurrent costs were considered.

The study concluded the HIV rapid testing services in pharmacies required a modest amount of staff time and costs comparable to other services offered in these settings.

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RGH E-Bulletin

THIS week's edition of the RGH Pharmacy E-Bulletin gives an overview of medication rationalisation towards end of life.

A new oncological palliative care deprescribing guideline has recently been developed, identifying a range of drug classes such as dyslipidaemia medications, antihypertensives, osteoporosis drugs and complementary medicines - **CLICK HERE** to view.

Guild Update

Guild supports World Mental Health Day

THE Guild has recently partnered with Mental Health Australia to promote World Mental Health Day next month.

World Mental Health Day (10 October) aims to raise awareness and advocacy surrounding mental health education.

With one in five Australians experiencing mental illness annually, the campaign urges Australians to start sharing their stories in the lead up to World Mental Health Day.

The Guild has partnered with Mental Health Australia to pledge its support for the day. A new poster will be available for download for members looking to participate.

The poster will feature Mental Health Australia's messages while also promoting World Mental Health Day.

The day has three objectives including encourage help seeking behaviour, reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and foster connectivity throughout communities.

To find out more about the campaign, visit 1010.org.au.

Interprofession education

THE International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) has cited the development of an interprofessional curriculum at the University of Queensland as an example of the growth of learning opportunities across different health professions.

According to a new FIP Global Report on *Interprofessional Education in a Pharmacy Context*, learning alongside other professions is expected to become more mainstream for both present and future pharmacists.

The report was released under the auspices of this year's World Pharmacists Day theme of partnership (**PD** Fri).

"As the number and complexity of treatments grow, it's no longer possible for any one health provider - no matter how knowledgeable - to be able to provide top quality care working in isolation," said one of the authors, Tina Brock.

Co-author Jill Boone said FIP and

the World Health Organization believe interprofessional education is a foundation for a collaborative, practice-ready workforce "and that this type of practice will strengthen health care systems and improve patient outcomes".

The report identifies a variety of models and "many successes in this area" with the hope of expediting progress in both developed and under-resourced countries.

Interprofessional education is expected to be a key theme of this week's World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Dusseldorf, Germany.

ATO reminder

THE Australian Taxation Office is reminding pharmacy owners with 19 or few employees that they need to start paying their superannuation obligations via the new SuperStream system.

Coming into effect on 01 Jul, SuperStream allows businesses across the country to make super contributions electronically, enabling disbursements to multiple funds in a single transaction.

The ATO says more than 150,000 small businesses have already made the switch, with a webinar to explain the system taking place on Tue 13 Oct - see www.ato.gov.au.

Arrow into GBMA

THE newly formed Arrow Pharmaceuticals (**PD** 01 Sep) has become a member of the Generics and Biosimilar Medicines Association (GBMA), taking the place of Aspen which sold its generics portfolio to Arrow parent Strides earlier this year.

Win with MILKY FOOT



This week Pharmacy Daily and Biorevive are giving away Milky Foot Active each day.

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To win, be the first person from QLD to send the correct answer to comp@pharmacydaily.com.au

How long do you need to keep the Milky Foot Active socks on for?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Tony Nguyen from Medlab.

DISPENSARY CORNER



A KIWI "daylight savings activist" has come up with a bright idea which could revolutionise the annual putting forward of our clocks which is set to commence in some parts of Australia this coming weekend.

Auckland-based Gabriel Kearns is very much in favour of daylight savings, but says the current system, where the time is adjusted in the middle of the night on Saturday, is silly.

New Zealand moved to daylight savings time last weekend, with Kearns saying "we lose an hour this weekend at three o'clock on Sunday morning, and who's going to notice that?"

"The people that are out in clubs absolutely hammered? No, they're not going to notice it."

Instead he suggested - unsuccessfully - that the time be changed at 4pm on a Fri afternoon - so "that becomes 5 o'clock and we all get to go home an hour early".

THIS motorist could have died in a freak gasoline-fight accident.

A man with a severe case of arachnophobia caused a fire at a petrol station in the US city of Detroit, after he attempted to set a spider alight.

The creature was apparently crawling near his fuel door while he was filling up, and rather than brushing it off the car he whipped out his lighter to burn it - immediately igniting the pump.

According to a surveillance video the man can be heard asking "is that a spider," with flames then seen erupting along the car's side and into the pump.

A clerk shut off the system immediately and called the fire department, with the man luckily escaping injury, although the pump was destroyed - and the fate of the spider is unknown.

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