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Obesity Cancer link

SCIENTISTS in the UK are predicting obesity and unhealthy weights will be the linked cause of 670,000 extra cancer diagnoses over the next 20 years.

Conducted by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, researchers based the prediction on historical health data gathered on five million people living in the UK, to predict the impact of obesity over the next two decades.

Their studies also suggest that the increasing population of obese and overweight individuals would contribute to 4.6 million additional cases of type-2 diabetes and 1.6 million extra cases of heart disease by 2035.

To tackle the problem, the report has recommended an introduction of a sugar tax and a ban on junk food ads before 9pm.

PBAC pirfenidone

THE Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) has updated its outcomes for pirfenidone from the group's November meeting last year.

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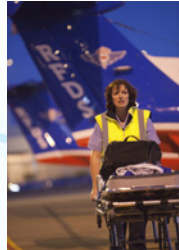
New diabetes drug

THE US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved Integra Omnigraft Dermal Regeneration to treat certain diabetic food ulcers.

Royal Flying Doctor boost

THE Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) has received a funding boost of \$20 million from the Government, in a bid to better provide rural communities in remote locations with access to crucial medical services.

Minister for Rural Health, Fiona Nash, announced the good news yesterday, saying "a new funding agreement has now been finalised with this uniquely Australian health service which enables the RFDS to continue to save lives by providing aeromedical evacuations, general practice and nursing clinics, remote consultations and medical chests".



"Building and strengthening rural health is high on the Coalition Government's agenda and despite the current fiscal environment, we are committed to supporting the vital work of the RFDS," Nash added.

The new funding boost will take the Government's RFDS contribution to approximately \$135 million between the periods of 2015-16 and 2016-2017.

During 2014-15 RFDS delivered 4,420 primary aeromedical evacuations; more than 5,760 GP and nursing clinics; 2,354 medical chests and over 64,000 remote consultations.

Whooping cough spike

WESTERN Australia's Centre for Disease Control (CDC) is warning that an outbreak of whooping cough may be imminent, following a spike of 1,784 cases in 2015 up from 1,753 the previous year.

The largest spike recorded in history was in 2011, with 4,005 cases reported - up from 1,446 the previous year.

CDC is warning that newborns are especially at-risk, saying that more than 80% of deaths associated with the disease occurred in children less than three months old.

TGA drug update

THE Therapeutic Drug Administration has updated its list of designated orphan drugs.

Orphan drugs are defined by the TGA as a "medicine or vaccine that is intended to treat, prevent or diagnose a rare disease" or a product "that's not commercially viable to supply to treat, prevent or diagnose another condition".

Visit tga.gov.au for more.

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IN ORDER to collect donations for the 'No Kid Hungry' campaign over the holiday season; one US pharmacy got creative, pledging to donate US\$10 (AU\$14) to the charity for every awkward or funny family photo with Santa it received on social media emblazoned with #NoKidHappy.

Pictures of crying and miserable children sitting on Santa's lap flooded social media and Fishtown Pharmacy collected 108 submissions in total, enabling the Philadelphia-based pharmacy to donate US\$1,080 to the worthy cause which aimed to eliminate childhood hunger and poverty in the United States.

"It's always nice to feel like part of the solution," the pharmacy said on its blog.



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