

The future of integrated pharmacy management has arrived – Fred NXT

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APC site maintenance

THE Australian Pharmacy Council has advised that its web portal will be down for maintenance from 12.01am to 1.30am (Australian Eastern Standard Time) tonight.

FDA drug info video

PHARMACISTS in the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), Office of Communications (OCOMM) and Division of Drug Information (DDI) have produced a series of videos "to provide important and timely drug information to pharmacists so they can help patients make better medication decisions".

Topics, from the most recently posted this year include emergency preparedness, MedWatch tips and tools, breakthrough therapy, antibiotic resistance, medication adherence and more.

Go to www.fda.gov for access.

Pharmacist busted for drugs

A PHARMACIST based in the NSW Hunter Valley has been charged in Maitland Local Court after police discovered more than 100 boxes of prescription drugs along with illicit substances during raids on his home and pharmacy.

The items are alleged to have included steroids, large quantities of pseudoephedrine and dexamphetamine substances as well as other restricted substances.

36-year-old Philip Slater was arrested on Wed after detectives from a strike force targeting illegal drug supply in the region searched his premises.

Charges included five counts of supplying a prohibited drug, two counts of supplying an indictable quantity of a prohibited drug, and possessing a precursor substance.

Officers also arrested a 30-year-old man in simultaneous raids

in Tenambit and East Maitland, allegedly finding an amount of cocaine and "numerous scripts for prescribed substances," according to a police update.

Despite police opposition, the magistrate granted Slater bail on condition he surrender his passport and not enter any pharmacies or drug storerooms - even at his own pharmacy in Rutherford.

Streamlined TCS authority from today

MSD has welcomed changes to the prescribing and dispensing of PBS-listed topical corticosteroids (TCS) which come into effect today.

Effective immediately GPs are able to use a streamlined authority to prescribe clinically appropriate quantities of TCS creams or ointments.

For example for a patient with extensive corticosteroid-responsive dermatoses covering more than 80% of their body, the GP could prescribe up to ten tubes of Diprosone (betamethasone dipropionate cream/ointment 0.05% 15g) with up to five repeats, without the need to phone for authority approval.

Under the previous PBS listing GPs could only write a script for a single tube plus one repeat without phoning for an authority.

Ego opens new facility



SENIOR management at Ego Pharmaceuticals broke out the special scissors yesterday for the official opening of the company's new \$15 million Flammable Goods manufacturing facility.

Officiating at the event was former trade minister Andrew Robb, now Special Envoy for Trade alongside Innes Willox, ceo of the Australian Industry Group.

The pair are pictured above with Alan and Jane Oppenheim from Ego Pharmaceuticals, with the event marking the largest expansion in

the company's 63 year history.

MD Alan Oppenheim said the plant enables the family owned company to double its bottle filling capacity to help meet booming demand from its export customers.

"It's an investment in new technology, new processes, jobs in Australia, economic uplift and skin health for the community," he said.

Last year Ego recorded sales of \$145m and made more than 19 million product packs, with the new facility manufacturing Ego's quality Aqium hand sanitiser.

PSA hails RACGP head

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia has welcomed the appointment of Bastian Seidel as the new President of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP yesterday), saying he is a strong supporter of GPs working together with pharmacists.

PSA national president Joe Demarte said he "looked forward to progressing innovative, evidence-based models of care with a focus on collaboration between GPs and pharmacists to improve health outcomes for all Australians".

'Drunkorexia' trend

RESEARCH out of the University of South Australia looks into the social phenomena dubbed "drunkorexia" - the syndrome whereby more than half of female university students in Australia are fasting before a big night out so they can blow their caloric count on alcohol, reports the ABC.

Variations on the theme see girls doing almost anything to their bodies to keep thin but still have a big night out - [CLICK HERE](#).

Paediatric medicines

LONG the pharmaceutical world's poor cousin, paediatric medicines have become the focus of guidelines posted by the European Medicines Agency on its website.

The site contains an extensive set of documents relating to clinical efficacy and safety of medicinal products used in children.

This follows recent new guidelines for health care professionals prescribing or supplying medicines for children when no authorised product exists, from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) (PD 15 Jun).



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- 22-24 Jul:** Foundation Clinical Pharmacy Practice Seminar; InterContinental Adelaide Hotel; for more info visit: www.cpd.shpa.org.au
- 29-31 Jul:** PSA16; Four Points by Sheraton Darling Harbour Sydney; more info at: www.psa.org.au
- 13-14 Aug:** Infectious Diseases Seminar; InterContinental Adelaide Hotel; for more info visit: www.cpd.shpa.org.au
- 20-21 Aug:** Fitness & Health Expo; Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre; details at: www.fitnessexpo.com.au
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- 9-10 Sep:** The Friendlies Conference 2016; Old Woolstore Hotel, Hobart; visit: pharmacyconference.com.au

Pharmac & Keytruda

NEW Zealand's cancer patients may soon have access to melanoma treatment Keytruda (pembrolizumab) with the country's Pharmaceutical Management Agency, Pharmac, issuing a consultation proposal to fund the product from 01 Sep.

This follows Pharmac's earlier decision to fund Keytruda rival Opdivo from today.

The agency said it "has worked constructively with supplier, Merck Sharp & Dohme (MSD) to reach a favourable commercial arrangement".

TGA cuts red tape

IN AN effort to reduce the regulatory burden on companies submitting new products for registration and to reduce the registration timeline "by at least one month", the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) is introducing pilot changes to the pre-submission phase of the prescription medicines registration process.

At this stage, participation is optional and details of the pilot program can be found on the TGA website: www.tga.gov.au.

Xarelto to face court

PHILADELPHIA courtrooms will next year see lawyers for Bayer and Janssen, the sponsors of NOAC Xarelto (rivaroxaban), defending more than 800 lawsuits around claims of injury resulting from trials conducted prior to the drug's approval by the FDA, according to a report by *Forbes*.

Plaintiffs claim they experienced a risk of bleeding events when taking the drug once per day rather than twice per day, an matter of which they say they were inadequately warned.

One Philadelphia medical malpractice attorney who represents Xarelto users called one of the drug trials "a total mess" and "compared it to a school science fair project," the report said.

Price disclosure news

THE Health Department has posted its latest update on price disclosure (SPD) on its website with outcomes from the fourth SPD, indicative prices and confirmation of prices relating to disclosure cycles, with full explanations. Go to www.pbs.gov.au.



Dispensary Corner

MR BURGER, meat Mr burger.

Australian fast food chain Mr Burger is offering customers the chance to win a lifetime (shortened?) of free burgers if they change their surname to 'Burger'.

So how many hungry souls out there will do that just to have a lifetime supply of "food"?

It depends, because the stipulation is that those who want the prize must actually change their name by deed poll and present the certificated evidence to qualify - present Burger surname holders are disqualified.

What's more, the fun-promotion offers to refund the \$101.40 name-change fee for anyone who goes through with it - but wait, no help with the passport, credit cards, various bills etc.

Oh, and it's only seven burgers per week; at least that will spare your arteries just a little!



JUST when you thought you'd heard of all the weird and wonderful ways to strengthen your hair - in steps placenta treatment.

Yes, you read right, there's beauty vloggers out there promoting the concept that massaging your scalp and hair with placenta extract will promote strength, shine and even activate hair growth.

Apparently there's a bunch of products out there with animal placental extracts included in the ingredient list.

You can check out some reviews **HERE**.

Win with Nexcare™ Brand

Every day this week Pharmacy Daily and Nexcare Brand are giving away a prize pack valued at over \$40.00 that includes Nexcare™ Waterproof Assorted and Medium sized Bandages, Nexcare™ Blister Waterproof Bandages and Nexcare™ Absolute Waterproof Tape.

The Nexcare Brand Waterproof range includes:

- Nexcare Waterproof Bandages: watch Nexcare Nana tackle water, dirt and germs whilst wearing Nexcare Waterproof Bandages
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To win, be the first person from VIC or TAS to send the correct answer to the question to: comp@pharmacydaily.com.au

Which three things does Nexcare™ Nana test the Waterproof Bandages' 360° seal against in the videos?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Muthi Mohammed from Borroloola Pharmacy.

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