



Skincare market x2

THE market for skincare products has the potential to double, if recent Roy Morgan Research findings are anything to go by.

In the year to Mar 2016, 3.7 million Australian men 14 years and over purchased at least one skincare product in any given six months.

Most popular among Aussie men are hand and body lotion, purchased by 26.8%, followed by moisturiser (21.5%) and facial cleanser (17.8%).



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Profession practice review

PROFESSIONAL Practice Standards (PPS) and the Code of Ethics (CoE) for Pharmacists are being reviewed by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) to update these two key publications which outline required standards and expectations of professional and ethical practice for all registered pharmacists.

Compliance with the PPS and CoE is also a requirement under national legislative provisions for pharmacists to dispense and supply medicines on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, and is relevant to the delivery of professional services, the PSA states.

The PSA explained it undertakes a regular cycle of reviews to ensure these documents reflect contemporary pharmacist practice, and support the quality use of medicines and delivery of consistent, high quality standards of pharmacist care to Australian health consumers.

A Project Advisory Group (PAG)

of key stakeholders (pharmacy, government and consumers) has been established and commenced discussions relating to how the documents focus on patient centred care and clarify the role of the pharmacist in the broader context of the health system.

While the structure of the documents will be reframed, important changes will include guidance and standards around emerging areas of pharmacist practice such as immunisation, minor ailments and triage services, collaborative care arrangements including pharmacists in general practice, biosimilar medicines, dispensing of cannabis, digital health, social media, genetic health information, equality of gender and culture.

Implementation tools will also be considered to facilitate compliance.

The project is being funded by the Department of Health as part of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Access and Sustainability Package included in the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement, and is expected to be completed in twelve months.

A public consultation on draft documents is planned for Sep.

Ovarian cancer hope

US RESEARCHERS at New York's Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory have discovered the protein that helps spread ovarian cancer, bringing new hope that more women with the disease can be protected.

Two thirds of women are not diagnosed with the disease until stage 3 or later, by which time it is very difficult to manage, with less than 30% of women surviving.

The survival rate in Australia is around 43% and there were more than 900 deaths caused by ovarian cancer in 2013, the report said.

The target protein FER is now the focus of future research, according to the study report published in the *Genes & Development* journal.

New pain relief option

ETHICAL Nutrients has announced the launch of their new 'Pain Relief Triple Strength' tablet, an "exclusive anti-inflammatory formulation for customers looking for a natural alternative for pain relief".

The new release is designed with gut and liver-friendly herbs, including high strength curcumin from BCM-95 turmeric and with three times the strength of Ethical Nutrients' Pain Relief capsules, the product is intended to be helpful for relief of joint pain, immobility and stiffness, and help relieve mild arthritis, osteoarthritis and rheumatism pain.

Generic drug coys ban

THE US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has added four Chinese and Indian companies to a list of generic drug facilities that are banned from shipping products to America.

China's Jiangsu ZW Pharmaceuticals and Wuxi Kaili Pharmaceuticals as well as India-based Fleming Labs and Sharon Bio-Medicine Ltd failed to pay fees and meet identification requirements stipulated in the Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2012.



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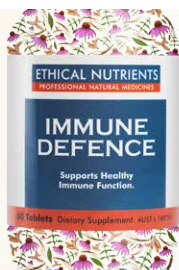
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9-10 Sep: The Friendlies Conference 2016; Old Woolstore Hotel, Hobart; visit: pharmacyconference.com.au

BMI mortality correlation

IN WHAT most of us have come to believe was common knowledge, a Curtin University global obesity study across four continents has demonstrated that people classed as overweight or obese have higher mortality rates.

The Global BMI Mortality Collaboration was established to provide a standardised comparison of associations of BMI with mortality across different populations.

The novel research covered 4 million people in 32 countries, mainly located in Aust/NZ, East Asia, Europe and North America.

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates some 1.9 billion adults are overweight or obese.

Professor Rachel Huxley, Curtin University Faculty of Health Sciences, said the research clarifies global regional variations.

"The worldwide prevalence of obesity is high and increasing," she said.

The report revealed North America topped the list for obesity prevalence at 18% followed by Europe (15%), Aust/NZ (10%) and East Asia (5%).

"These findings suggest that if the entire population had ideal levels of BMI this would avoid about 1 in 5 premature deaths in North America, 1 in 7 in Europe, 1 in 10 in Australia/New Zealand, and 1 in 20 in East Asia, assuming that the associations of overweight and obesity with mortality in our primary analyses largely reflect causal effects," Huxley explained.

An unexpected result of the study was the substantially higher mortality rate not only among those in WHO's underweight category, but also in those with BMI of 18.5 - 20 kg/m², implying that in excessively lean populations being underweight remains a cause for concern.

CLICK HERE for the *Lancet* study.

FDA ticks biosimilar

SANDOZ' biosimilar etanercept (comparator product Enbrel by Pfizer) has been recommended in a unanimous vote by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advisory committee for approval to treat multiple inflammatory diseases.

Win with Bosisto's

This week Pharmacy Daily and Bosisto's are giving away each day a Bosisto's EucoSteam Inhaler combo and EucoSteam Inhalant 200mL.

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Dispensary Corner

VACCINES, M&Ms and peanut butter - how are they connected?

Not only are they being used together, they are actually part of a vaccine delivery system being used to immunise black-footed ferrets via their most common food, small prairie dogs (**pictured**), *The Guardian* reports.

Specially designed drones that are able to scatter peanut butter coated M&Ms in three directions at once, will deliver the tasty morsels to the prairie dogs who thereby not only vaccinate themselves against sylvatic plague, but as the staple ferret diet, will inadvertently vaccinate their nemesis as well.

The multitudinous rodent-like prairie dogs are classified as a "keystone" food source for a range of animals including eagles, owls and coyotes.



SOME elements of the US Democratic Party plan to raise a stink - literally - at the upcoming convention which is expected to endorse Hilary Clinton as candidate for the Presidential election later this year.

The group have confirmed they are stockpiling dried and canned beans, which they plan to consume prior to a key debate so they can stage a 'fart-in'.

Organisers of the protest don't like Clinton and want to express their smelly disapproval.

They say they will chow down on the beans, paired with hot dogs at a secret 'feeding location' before stinking it up at the event.