

Today's issue of PD

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

Ley welcomed by all

HEALTH minister Sussan Ley was yesterday confirmed in her role by newly re-elected Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull as part of a ministerial reshuffle.

The appointment drew a chorus of welcoming messages, with the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, the Australian Dental Industry Association, the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia, The Australian Medical Association, Medicines Australia and Complementary Medicines Australia all sending well wishes with varying levels of direction on how she should fulfil her role.

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New Sigma role for Sells

JEFF Sells, Sigma's chief financial officer, has been appointed to the newly created position of Executive General Manager Strategy and Business Development.

WSMI conference

THE Australian Self-Medication Industry (ASMI) and its New Zealand counterpart have announced they will jointly host the World Self Medication Industry General Assembly in Oct next year.

Said to be the "biggest event on the global non-prescription medicines industry's calendar," the Sydney conference will attract regulators, academics and representatives of the consumer healthcare products industry from around the world, according to ASMI ceo Deon Schoombie.

"A formidable line up of local and international speakers will discuss important elements of the economics of self care such as access to medicines, affordability and consumer empowerment, and how these can contribute towards better public health outcomes and sustainable healthcare," said NZSMI executive director, Scott Milne.

Oct price cuts

THE Health Department has unveiled a summary of price disclosure reductions for the 2016 October Cycle, which for the first time incorporates the 'Removal of Originator Brand Data' measure.

Almost 300 items are affected by the change, with the biggest cut being to epicubicin injections which will see an 82% price drop.

Any questions or concerns about the new pricing can be lodged by responsible persons as a dispute by 5pm on 25 Jul 2016.

For details see pbs.gov.au.

Aust infant mortality

AN infographic relating to children's health in Australia has been released by *The Conversation*, with comparisons are graphed over time, by gender, by race, by age, by cause, by risk factor and other issues - **CLICK HERE** to access.

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Retail

Pharmacy 4 Less offer

PHARMACY 4 Less is inviting pharmacy owners to consider its compelling brand story and an "appropriate balance between retailing and professional services" - for details see **page three**.

New NICE guidelines

BRITAIN'S National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) has issued three new and updated guidelines and quality standards.

They relate to recognition, diagnosis and early management of sepsis, antimicrobial prophylaxis against infective endocarditis in adults and children undergoing interventional procedures and risk assessment and reduction, including lipid modification, in cardiovascular disease.

CLICK HERE for details.

2016 QUM Award winners

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pharmacists
Neil Petrie and
Ingrid Johnston
(pictured) have
won the 2016
Pharmaceutical
Society of
Australia (PSA)
Award for Quality
Use of Medicines
(QUM) in Pain
Management.



PSA said it has partnered with Mundipharma to offer the 2016 QUM Award to highlight and support pharmacists' role in pain management.

Petrie and Johnston will receive

their award in a ceremony at the PSA16 conference on 30 Jul.

They have worked in partnership at PRN Consulting for several years, specialising in quality use of medicines for residential aged care facilities.



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25.9% under co-pay

FIGURES released yesterday by the Department of Human Services confirm that about 79 million prescriptions processed last year were under the co-payment, comprising 25.9% of the total.

The data was collected from Jul 2014-Jun 2015 from community pharmacies and hospitals, with the proportion rising from 24.4% in 2013/14 and 22.7% in 2012/13.



Guild Update

New reduced rate for in-pharmacy telemedicine service

COMMUNITY pharmacies have the opportunity to offer patients a telemedicine consultation with a GP at a reduced rate of \$27 until the end of July.

The consultation is through ReadyCare, Telstra Health's purpose-built telemedicine service where consumers can consult with an Australian-based and registered GP by phone or video 24/7 through the convenience and accessibility of their local pharmacy.

ReadyCare, under the CP2GP initiative, is designed to be accessed at times and in areas where access to local GP services may be limited or even unavailable. The service also speeds access to care when the waiting times for GP services are excessive and may compromise optimal patient care.

Until the end of July patients can access ReadyCare through their local participating pharmacy for \$27, reduced from the usual \$65 with the pharmacy still receiving the \$15 facilitation access fee.

For more information email ehhealth@guild.org.au.

Performance review training

AN updated version of the online course Effective performance reviews has been published by the Pharmacy Guild of Australia on its myCPD learning platform.

The course is free to all Guild members and employee pharmacists working in Guild member pharmacies and available to non-members for \$250, payable upon enrolment, the Guild has said.

"Performance appraisals or reviews are not always easy conversations to have.

"But they are necessary and provide an opportunity for the pharmacist to discuss performance expectations, monitor the progress of performance and formally review performance outcomes," said Sue Bond of Guild Pharmacy Academy.

"They are also a great opportunity to recognise good performance and celebrate successes."

The new course is designed to help pharmacists identify the key drivers of employee engagement, identify aspects of performance review processes and key actions to take to prepare for reviews and place three performance-related conversations within the

framework of a review process.

The course also helps identify appropriate performance feedback conversation structures and the key aims of career discussions.

This program has been accredited for 1.25 hours of Group 1 CPD (or 1 CPD credit) suitable for inclusion in an individual pharmacist's CPD plan, which can be converted to 1.25 hours of Group 2 CPD (or 2.5 CPD credits) upon successful completion of assessment activities.

To register for or access myCPD, visit www.mycpd.org.au or contact the Guild Pharmacy Academy on 03 9810 9930.

Knee OA consultation

THE Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care invites comment from consumers, clinicians, researchers

and health organisations on its consultation draft, *Osteoarthritis of the Knee Clinical Care Standard*.

CLICK HERE for details.



Win with SkinB5

This week **Pharmacy Daily** and **SkinB5** are giving away each day a prize pack including Acne Control Extra Strength Tablets, Caplets, Cleansing Mousse, Moisturiser, and 5 Minute Mask.

SkinB5 is an all-natural acne supplement that works from within to eliminate and stop acne on the face and all over the body. The SkinB5 acne treatment system is based on a potent dosage of vitamin B5, which is proven to increase skin health and reduce acne by regulating the skin's production of sebum, or skin oil. See www.skinb5.com for more.

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



Where are all the products in the range made?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Gayleene Chapman from Health Focus Pharmacy.

Dispensary Corner

A HOSPITAL in Canada is planning a major menu makeover after its senior executives ate food from the wards for a week.

Dr Jack Kitts, ceo of Ottawa Hospital, asked his management team to eat three hospital meals per day, after hearing complaints from patients for years.

The move was revealed in a response from Dr Kitts to a patient who had written to him saying the food was "appalling".

"Thank you for raising your concerns with me...our management team has recently eaten hospital food for a week and agrees with your observation that we need to improve the presentation and taste," he said. It's not a small task, with the hospital making about a million meals per year, but changes include more salads, fresh sandwich plates and less stews.

Director of Food Services Kevin Peters also envisages an even more radical future in which patients could order a kind of buffet option for those who are ambulant.

WE'VE heard of mind-altering illicit drugs, but a US man took it up a notch when he used the formaldehyde preserving a human brain to get high.

26-year-old Joshua Long confessed to soaking cannabis in the embalming liquid in order to become intoxicated.

According to court records he got the brain from his aunt, who came across it in a Walmart bag while she was cleaning out a trailer.

Medical examiners have determined that it was a real brain, most likely a teaching specimen, with the man now facing charges of abusing a corpse.

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