

Very rare genetic disease Rx funded

INFANTS and children with a rare inherited genetic disease known as hereditary tyrosinaemia type 1 (HT-1) can now receive Orfadin (nitisinone from Menarini) under the Life Saving Drugs Program.

With an incidence of only one or two babies each year diagnosed with the multiple organ failure disease, the drug offers new hope of infants living well past the normal five year standard.

The special funding has been in effect since 01 Jun.

Folic acid and iodine in bread effective

MANDATORY fortification of bread with folic acid (in Australia) and iodine (in Australia and NZ) has led to improved health outcomes, particularly for teenagers and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, according to a new report from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

The report *Monitoring the health impacts of mandatory folic acid and iodine fortification* shows that the increase in folic acid and iodine in the food supply since the introduction of mandatory fortification has resulted in "notable health improvements".

CLICK HERE to access the report.

Codeine debate reignited

WITH the government shortly set to issue its decision on OTC products containing codeine (**PD** 29 Mar), a WA pain specialist has issued a statement outlining why he believes the items should not be available over the counter.

Professor Stephan Schug, Director of Pain Medicine at Royal Perth Hospital and Chair of Anaesthesiology at the University of WA, claims there is no evidence of benefit from current products - only harms such as addiction and overdose - and there are safer, more effective alternatives.

Schug argues there is almost no evidence of effectiveness of low dose codeine in combination with either ibuprofen or paracetamol.

He also says under the current arrangements the easy availability of codeine containing medicines is not limited or monitored well at all.

Two new orphans

THE TGA has added two items to its list of designated orphan drugs.

The additions include stiripentol (Diacomit) from Emerge Health for the treatment of severe myoclonic epilepsy in infancy, and midostaurin (Rydapt) by Novartis for the treatment of a specific type of acute myeloid leukaemia.

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Chinese meds guide

THE Chinese Medicine Board of Australia has posted new 'Guidelines for safe Chinese herbal medicine practice' on its website.

The new guidelines will take effect from 12 Nov 2017, giving a two year transition period since a 2015 consultation report was released.

The Board said the guidelines address a policy gap by providing clear guidance for practitioners, to make sure there is clarity and transparency about the expectations of those providing Chinese herbal medicine services.

A user guide and nomenclature compendium are also available.

CLICK HERE for more information.

Immunisation Advantage

ADVANTAGE

Group pharmacists including ceo Steven Kastrinakis (**pictured**) are now fully accredited to provide immunisation services to prevent influenza and whooping cough.

Kastrinakis

said this enables all Advantage pharmacists to offer a convenient and accessible service to keep families and individuals protected. "We saw it as critical for our pharmacists to be some of the first trained to deliver immunisations in the state of Victoria," he said.

Each pharmacist in the group has now undergone a full training program with Advantage Pharmacy professional services manager and



PSA approved immunisation trainer, Amal Kehila.

Kehila says the pharmacists have found the training both engaging and rewarding, "knowing they are leading the expanding role of pharmacists."

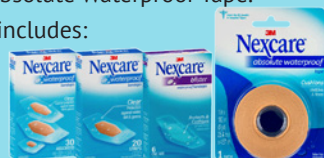
The Advantage move follows Victorian approval for accredited pharmacists to administer adult influenza and whooping cough vaccinations (**PD** 21 Jun).

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Dispensary Corner

RESEARCHERS in Canada have found playing simple card games such as Snap, Rummy or Go Fish can help stroke patients' recovery.

The scientists wrote up their findings in a paper published in *Lancet Neurology*, with the study aiming to work out whether new technologies such as virtual reality or game consoles were more useful for stroke rehabilitation.

141 patients who had recently suffered a stroke were split into two groups - some playing the simple games while others used Nintendo Wii consoles.

After ten one-hour sessions of activity over a two week period improvements were seen in both groups equally, the study found.

Lead researcher, Dr Gustavo Saposnik from St Michael's Hospital in Toronto, Canada, said while there is a tendency to think that technological solutions are better, in this case the simple activities were just as effective.

Interestingly playing bingo was also found to be helpful for many of the stroke victims' treatment.

FORGET those in-store birthday celebrations - a leading British dentist has slammed so-called "cake culture" at work, saying it is fuelling obesity and dental issues.

Professor Nigel Hunt spoke at the UK's Royal College of Surgeons annual dinner, saying that for many people the workplace is now the "primary source of their sugar intake".

He said cakes at work also make it difficult for those trying to lose weight or become healthier, urging smaller quantities and suggesting they only be consumed along with lunch.

"Ideally office workers should consider other alternatives altogether like fruit platters, nuts or cheese," the fun-sucker added.



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