

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news, plus full pages from (**click**):

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COPD consultation

THE Health Department has opened the public submission process for its post-market reviews of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) medicines as well as Ezetimibe.

Both consultations will be open for a seven week process, closing at 5pm eastern time on Fri 22 April.

The consultations aim to look at the current use of the medications in the light of clinical guidelines as well as recent clinical studies that look at long term patient outcomes.

For COPD medicines the terms of reference aim to analyse the utilisation of PBS listed therapies to "identify the extent of co-prescribing and use that is inconsistent with clinical guidelines and/or PBS restrictions".

For details see www.pbs.gov.au.

Mundipharma move

SPECIALIZED Therapeutics yesterday announced a license agreement which will see Mundipharma assume all commercialisation responsibilities for anti-emetic products Aloxi (palonosetron hydrochloride) and Akynzeo (netupitant/palonosetron) in the Australian & NZ markets.

Review panel at APP2016

THE Australian pharmacy industry will have the chance to voice its opinions and concerns about potential changes to location rules directly to the Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation review panel at APP2016.

Industrial economist Professor Steven King, Jo Watson, deputy chair of the Consumer Health Forum (CHF) Board and Bill Scott, former president of the Victorian Branch of the Pharmacy Guild will all take part in a presentation in the APP Main Arena during APP on Saturday 19 March.

King will provide an overview of the Review, some of the feedback the panel have received to date and provide info on how pharmacists can contribute.

The session will be hosted by ceo and managing director of Sigma, Mark Hooper, in his capacity as



Matina Jewell
Caught in the Crossfire

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session sponsor and president of the National Pharmaceutical Services Association.

Hooper said it would give an opportunity for feedback, with Professor King "very happy to take questions so this is an excellent opportunity for APP delegates to contribute to the Review".

King has been published widely and has stated in an article he jointly authored for the *AFR* that current pharmacy ownership restrictions are anti-competitive and should be removed.

"The Review is part of the Government's increased focus on evidence-based services and fiscal transparency, and recognises the important role pharmacy plays in the primary health care sector," Hooper said.

A discussion paper is scheduled to be released next month, with the Review to be completed by March 2017 and to inform future arrangements for pharmacy including the location rules, dispensing and wholesaling.

APP2016 takes place on the Gold Coast from 17-20 March 2016.

TabTimer on show

TABTIMER will be taking part at the upcoming Digital Health Show, which will be held 01-03 Apr 2016 at Sydney's Royal Hall of Industries. The free expo features more than 100 exhibitors and free seminars covering a range of health innovation topics.

"Innovation Kickstart," a free half day interactive seminar on innovation and commercialising health technology will take place on Sat 02 Apr from 1pm - for info see www.digitalhealthshow.com.au.

EMA PRIME initiative

THE European Medicines Agency has launched a new PRIME (Priority Medicines) scheme, which aims to provide "early, proactive and enhanced support" to medicine developers helping them to generate robust data on benefits and risks to accelerate assessment of applications for drugs that target an unmet medical need.

TGA staff cuts?

THE Therapeutic Goods

Administration is plotting a cull of several senior staff, according to the *ABC* which has cited a "leaked internal document" which also warns of increasing numbers of counterfeit medicines.

It's believed changes include a reduction in the number of senior investigators in the TGA compliance unit from seven to three, with a spokesperson from the Community and Public Sector Union saying the area is "woefully understaffed".

However the TGA said it was implementing a review of regulatory compliance which made 16 recommendations relating to intelligence functions and intra-agency collaboration.

The agency said the restructure would be implemented by May and would actually increase the number of officers.

"The implementation of the review will not impact our ability to ensure compliance with the TGA regulatory scheme and our ability to prosecute offenders where prosecution is warranted," it said.

Vic immunisations

THE PSA and the Pharmacy Guild say they're continuing to work with the Victorian government and local health authorities to progress pharmacists-administered vaccinations in the state.

Apparently regulations have already been drafted, with consultation with stakeholders also under way and expectations pharmacists will be required to undergo approved training.

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This week *Pharmacy Daily* and Designer Brands are giving away a Pro Brow Kit each day.

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DISPENSARY CORNER

THE good looks of kangaroos and koalas are stealing all the attention from scientists, or at least that's what a new Australian study has found.

Published in the *Mammal Review Journal*, the study says "global and national conservation funding largely overlooks non-charismatic species", which may arguably be most the in need of research.

Species were broken up into the good (kangaroos and koalas), the bad (invasive species like rabbits, cats and foxes) and the ugly (bats and rodents).

Furthermore, the studies on the good (read cute) animals have largely focused on their physiology and anatomy, while research on the bad has revolved around controlling these species.

Despite making up nearly half of Australian terrestrial mammals, scientists have done little more than catalogue the existence of the ugly species.

THIS 75-year old may need his hearing checked.

In Ohio, officers were called to a home in the middle of the night following reports of gunshots and were four hours into a standoff when they heard snoring.

Police moved in to arrest the suspect, whom they found fast asleep in bed.

The man was charged with counts of inducing panic and using weapons while intoxicated, but it's not clear why he fired shots at a bed and wall.

During the stand off, a police vehicle was outside with its lights on, negotiators tried calling him using a bullhorn and officers broke a window to send in an electronic surveillance device

The man is hard of hearing and was startled, but cordial when police woke him.



Women's Regaine Foam: hope and empowerment in a bottle

Women with female pattern hair loss need not feel alone. Treatment options have come a long way and **Women's Regaine Foam** is a major advancement in the category. Unlike cosmetic thickeners which coat the hair and temporarily mask the issue, this innovative product when used once a day every day, actually helps regrow hair. This product is available in pharmacies nationwide without a prescription.

Stockist: Major pharmaceutical wholesalers

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Website: www.regaine.com.au

BioCeuticals Liposomal Range of supplements

Manufacturer of the practitioner-only complementary medicine range, BioCeuticals, has announced the launch of the **Liposomal Range** (pictured is **Liposomal C**), using advanced nanotechnology to help more effectively deliver nutrients into the body, the company states. Liposomal encapsulation technology works by making microscopic "bubbles" to encapsulate various substances to improve absorption and uptake. BioCeuticals Liposomal products include vitamin C, CoQ10, D3, glutathione, methyl B12 and R-ALA.

Stockist: 1300 650 455

RRP: from \$38.15

Website: www.bioceuticals.com.au



New from Trilogy - Make-Up Be Gone Cleansing Balm

This new product from Trilogy is a make-up cleanser. **Make-Up Be Gone Cleansing Balm** is an all-natural cleansing balm that removes impurities and waterproof make-up while leaving skin supple and smooth. As if you had simply applied your evening moisturiser, this cleverly constructed formulation includes rosehip, mango and coconut. The product can be massaged onto dry skin, followed by the organic cloth provided to gently wipe over the entire face and neck.

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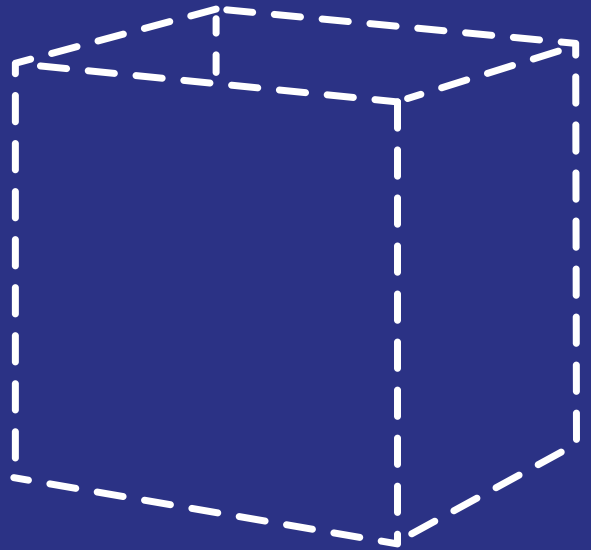
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