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FDA Opdivo approval

THE US Food and Drug Administration has granted accelerated approval to Bristol-Myers Squibb's Opdivo (nivolumab) for classical Hodgkin lymphoma.

Tassie pharmacy upgrade

THE pharmacy at Royal Hobart Hospital will become "one of the most contemporary in the country" after a \$3.7 million renovation announced by Tasmanian health minister Michael Ferguson yesterday.

Ferguson said the expansion would include an improved sterile pharmaceutical production facility, and would be a significant enhancement to the facility originally built in 1999.

"One of the key benefits of the pharmacy upgrade will be the upgrading of the cytotoxic chemotherapy manufacturing facilities," he said, allowing the pharmacy to meet demand in an area currently experiencing unprecedented growth.

The RHH pharmacy department currently oversees the provision

of medications to more than 1,000 patients, inpatients and outpatients.

"Pharmacies are a critical piece of infrastructure for acute hospitals, benefiting a wide range of patients and helping achieve better health outcomes for Tasmanians," he said.

ASMI responds

THE Australian Self-Medication Industry has downplayed the relevance to Australian consumers of Mon night's ABC *Four Corners* program about complementary medicines (**PD** yesterday), with ASMI ceo Deon Schoombie saying "there is a vast difference between the way the US and Australia regulate these medicines".

He said the TGA requires CMs to be manufactured to medicinal standards, with the agency conducting a safety assessment on ingredients in listed complementary medicines.

"Companies marketing complementary medicines can only make limited claims regarding their effectiveness and are required to hold evidence supporting these claims," with the TGA also maintaining a rigorous system for recording, monitoring and responding to adverse events for all medicines, including CMs.

UK tobacco changes

AUTHORITIES in Great Britain have introduced new regulations around cigarettes which ban 10-packs and mandate that at least 60% of packaging must carry warnings about the health impacts of smoking.

Suppliers have 12 months to implement the changes which also prohibit the use of words such as 'organic', 'natural' or 'lite' in product descriptions.

EMA 2015 report

THE European Medicines Agency has released its 2015 annual report, which summarises activities including approval of 93 new drugs.

The EMA managed over 1.2m suspected adverse event reports and updated PI on many medicines to reflect new safety data.

See www.ema.europa.eu.

WIN ALL NATURAL WITH kids

This week Pharmacy Daily and Key Sun are giving readers each day the chance to win a prize pack including Key Sun All Natural Kids Sunshine D + Vitamin D and Calcium + Magnesium.



Key Sun All Natural Kids food supplements are mum and dad's go to natural and healthy treat, developed and formulated specifically for the needs of children. With the added goodness of

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

What ingredient does Key Sun All Natural Kids Lollipops use to replace sugar?

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Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Gayle Mennilli from Greenslopes Private Hospital.

Pharmacists central to medication safety

PHARMACISTS are uniquely trained to be able to impact medication safety at the individual patient level through medication management skills that are part of the clinical pharmacist's role, according to a new report in the *Drugs and Aging* journal.

The article identifies the elderly as most likely to benefit from pharmacist's monitoring, analysis and medication safety programs because they are most at risk of polypharmacy and drug interactions.

"Errors may occur in the storage, prescribing, transcription, preparation and dispensing, or administration and monitoring of medicines," the article says, with pharmacists well placed to help redesign processes to improve safety.

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Essence Winter? Wonderful! nail polish

New for this season from Essence - **Winter? Wonderful!** nail polish in four
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Medlab has created **NOS**, nitric oxide support, a targeted pre-exercise sports food
containing a selection of evidence-based ingredients combined to support and optimise
exercise performance. Creatine, L-arginine and the B vitamins support energy production
during strenuous exercise while beta-alanine helps to increase muscle carnosine levels,
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signaling molecule involved in blood vessel relaxation and vasodilation.

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New Indeed Laboratories vitamin c24

Indeed Laboratories **vitamin c24** is a treatment cream formulated with a pure form of vitamin C that does not
oxidise, stays stable and helps fight off environmental stressors. The formula includes a combination of 22%
vitamin C (L-ascorbic acid) and 2% micro-spheres of hyaluronic acid.
The company states that Advanced Solubilisation Technology ensures
instant and long-term delivery of the pure vitamin, allowing it to be
more transdermally absorbed, never losing its potency.

Stockist: 02 8709 8800

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Website: www.indeedlabs.com



Burt's Bees 100% Natural Lipstick

Burt's Bees **100% Natural Lipstick** offers bold colour as well as moisturising ingredients. The
formula contains beeswax, moringa oil and raspberry seed oil to soften and condition the lips.
It comes in 14 shades, and offers a smooth, satin finish. Shades include: Iced Iris, Fuchsia Flood,
Magenta Rush, Sunset Cruise, Nile Nude, Blush Basin, Suede Splash, Scarlet Soaked, Ruby
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DISPENSARY CORNER

TENNIS champion Serena
Williams may attract some
criticism for her latest life choice -
tasting some dog food.

The 2016 Australian Open
runner-up has confessed to
making herself ill after sampling a
salmon and rice dish she ordered
for Chip, her Yorkshire Terrier
while staying at a hotel in Rome,
where she was competing in this
week's Italian Open tournament.

"I thought, 'what the heck, I'm
gonna try a piece'. It looks good.
So I ate a spoonfull. Don't judge
me!" she posted on social media.

Apparently the after-effects
were not so good, with Williams
adding "I just ran to the toilet like
I thought I was gonna pass out".

"I don't know what they put in
these dog foods, but Chip liked it".

Fortunately Williams recovered
in time to smash fellow American
Christina McHale in the third
round of the competition - with
Chip apparently looking on
adoringly from the player's box.



WHAT'S the first thing security
officers at Atlanta Airport in the
US did when a decaying corpse
passed through their X-ray
scanner? Instagram it, of course!

Like the stuff of nightmares,
the bloodied body (**pictured**) was
pushed into the security area
slumped in a wheelchair.

Fortunately, the crusty cadaver
was actually a prop from the
horror movie *Texas Chainsaw
Massacre*, with Transportation
Security Administration officers
confirming he was safely screened
and "sent on his jolly way".