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Mayne FDA Doryx tick

MAYNE Pharma has announced the US Food and Drug Administration approval of enteric coated antibacterial Doryx MPC (doxycycline hyclate delayed release tablets).

A tetracycline-class product, one of the common uses of Doryx is in severe acne treatment.

It originally started life as a lower urinary tract generic therapy owned by Pfizer who marketed the same product as Vibramycin primarily for respiratory conditions.

The potential for Doryx in the US is highlighted by the fact that acne is the most prevalent skin disease affecting around 45 million people of all ages, Mayne has said.

SHPA appoints another gm

THE Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia has appointed Sally Ridgers as its new general manager of Education and Services, as part of a restructure to ensure quality member services.

"This is a pivotal role which will give direction to core functions such as continuing professional development and key events such as our national conference," said SHPA ceo Kristin Michaels.

The Education and Services division will work closely with the new Workforce Transformation Division (**PD Mon**) to monitor changes in the profession and associated training requirements.

Ridgers has been with SHPA for over ten years, and is currently the organisation's Sponsorship and Conference Manager.

"Having a specialist division that focuses on continuing professional development, and related services, enhances our capacity to be proactive and ensure future services utilise technology effectively and are timely and relevant," she said.

Sigma kidney support

AMCAL and Guardian Pharmacies are getting behind Kidney Health Week (22-29 May), with the initiative urging all Australians to check their kidney health because it's possible to lose 90% of kidney function without symptoms.

About 1.7 million Australians have indicators of chronic kidney disease but under 10% realise they have the condition.

Amcal, Amcal Max and Guardian Pharmacies are offering the KidneyCheck program developed by Kidney Health Australia.

It has been designed for people with high blood pressure and diabetes to quickly and easily monitor kidney health by checking their urine for protein.

Members of the Defence Health private health fund are in some cases also eligible for a funded KidneyCheck.

Pharmacy of the month

SOUL Pattinson Chemist, Ashfield, NSW has taken out the award for GuildCare Pharmacy of the Month for April 2016.

Pharmacist proprietor Fritz Dy, pictured right with a regular patient, said "adding GuildCare to our list of services brought us closer to our patients and to the community as a whole."



"GuildCare provides a brilliant platform for the pharmacy to serve the community and give us the opportunity to perform more thorough clinical interventions,

which highlight what community pharmacy is all about."

"We have an excellent team; alerts on GuildCare never go unnoticed."

WIN WITH CARMEX

This week Pharmacy Daily and Carmex are giving readers the chance to win a Carmex prize pack including a Click Stick, Jar, Tube, Moisture Plus in Sheer and Jasmine Green Tea, valued at \$31.95.

Carmex lip balms are an Australian favourite and are an essential part of any beauty routine. The range features SPF15 plus cooling and soothing properties that lips crave. Visit the **FACEBOOK** for more information.

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



What are the flavours of Carmex?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Kathrina Casella from Ayr Hospital.

Pharmacist guilty

SYDNEY pharmacist Anthony Cheung has pleaded guilty to poisoning a co-worker (**PD 16 May**), admitting to spiking her drink with prescription drugs 23 times.

At a hearing in Waverley Local Court yesterday a police statement confirmed Cheung used phenergan, doxylamine, endep, seroquel and deptran to adulterate the woman's water or instant coffee.

The pharmacist allegedly wanted to make his victim suffer after she rejected his sexual advances, with the woman experiencing a range of symptoms including extreme drowsiness.

Cheung will be sentenced in Jul.

Hep C guidelines site

HEPATITIS Australia has announced the creation of a new website which contains a consensus statement on the Australian recommendations for the treatment of hepatitis C.

The site is accessible through www.hepcguidelines.org.au.

Drug name confusion

THERE is a strong and significant association between drug name confusion error rates observed in the real world and those observed in laboratory-based tests of memory and perception, a study published in the *British Medical Journal* has demonstrated.

The authors recommended that drug regulators and sponsor companies use these tests prior to finalising or accepting names of drugs to minimise the risk of confusion and medication errors.

CLICK HERE to access the abstract.

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DISPENSARY CORNER

A NEW Zealand restaurant is selling a new form of protein - and it's proven incredibly popular since they changed its name.

Dunedin's Vault 21 has become a specialist in locust-based cuisine, with the tasty insects marketed as "sky prawns".

A plate of five cooked locusts costs NZ\$5 and executive chef Greg Piner says "people are just loving it - we sell out every night".

Dunedin City Council has approved the sale of the critters, which were originally offered raw prior to a Facebook outcry from locust lovers.

Now they are kept in a sealed container in the freezer.

"Once they go to sleep we chuck them in the hot oil," Piner said.

"We believe they don't feel anything at all".

The popularity of the sky prawns has led to a proposal for a full insect dinner, which will feature locusts, scorpions and tarantulas.



THE burgeoning deer population in New York's Staten Island has led to a controversial proposal which would see all of the bucks given vasectomies.

The three year trial is estimated to cost about US\$2 million, involving the use of helicopters to shoot tranquilizer darts into about 400 of the beasts so they can be operated on.

An article in the *Staten Island Advance* says "the city would be nuts to try to sterilise every buck in the herd".

New Cream Contour Kit from Designer Brands

Designer Brands has announced the launch of the newest addition to its contouring range, the **Cream Contour Kit**. With three complementary shades, this package contains everything needed to sculpt, define and highlight the face, the company says. The smooth, creamy shades are blendable so sculpting and shaping the face is a breeze. The creamy consistency makes it easy to create natural looking contours with a dewy radiant finish. This product is on pharmacy shelves from June.



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French Nail Kits by 1000 Hour



1000 Hour Premium Nails **French Nail Kits** have been designed for comfort and ease of application, and provide a salon-worthy finish. Available in two application options – glue-on or press-on tabs – 1000 Hour Premium Nails French Nail Kits can be worn either temporarily or for up to two weeks, leaving nails chip resistant. The convenient carry case contains 48 nails, 2g glue, 40 press-on tabs, an applicator wand, cuticle sticks and a nail file. This product is available in Pink or Buff, and in four different styles.

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Age-Proof Active Enzyme Cleansing Cream from Trilogy

Trilogy **Age-Proof Active Enzyme Cleansing Cream** is enriched with fruit enzymes that dissolve and break down dead skin cells while also helping to rebuild the skin. When used topically, the exfoliating papaya fruit enzyme regenerates by removing the rough outer layer of skin without exfoliating viable cells. It also helps even skin tone and lighten brown spots caused by sun exposure, while pineapple in the formula helps to exfoliate skin, reduce inflammation and promote elasticity.



Stockist: 1800 651 146

RRP: \$42.95

Website: www.trilogyproducts.com

Travel Mini TriShave 3in1 UV Body Defense SPF30+ Moisturising Lotion Women



As a moisturiser that has been designed to sooth freshly shaved skin, **Mini TriShave 3in1 UV Body Defense SPF30+ Moisturising Lotion - Women** is also protective from the sun. This moisturiser has been formulated with vitamins A and E, evening primrose oil and shea butter to hydrate and restore moisture after shaving. The non-greasy lotion is absorbed quickly into the skin and also features a fragrance free, non-comedogenic formula.

Stockist: 02 9418 1115

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