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Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news plus a full page from Reform Management.

Script-stopping race

MELBOURNE Cup, the "race that stops a nation", also managed to stop, or at least slow, script numbers around Australia on Tue, according to data released by *eRx Script Exchange*.

The number of scripts processed during the 2016 Melbourne Cup dropped by around 44% compared with a standard Tuesday afternoon, the technology provider said.

"Between 3:00 and 3.10pm, when the Cup ran, the total number of scripts prescribed and dispensed across the country dropped by 50%, from a peak of 4,569 per minute to a low of 2,584 per minute during the race," eRx said.

Pharmacists in cardiac clinic

TWO normally Melbourne-based pharmacists have volunteered their time to travel across regional Queensland in a travelling cardiac clinic to help support local pharmacists in providing medicine

reviews and in-depth discussions with patients about their medicine.

Otago and Melbourne University graduate Alana Donaldson and Monash University graduate and clinical pharmacist Michelle Cassumbhoy will conduct the reviews from 03-07 Nov.

The mobile clinic, in the form of a 25m-long custom-designed clinicon-wheels, driven by a Kenworth



K200 prime mover (pictured) fitted out with mobile cardiology and respiratory facilities, is being sponsored by Bayer Australia, and partnered with Heart of Australia which is the first mobile cardiology and respiratory clinic providing medical specialists to people in regional and rural communities.

The pharmacists will be holding individual consultations with Heart of Australian patients, inviting them to bring their medicines and discuss what to expect when taking them, clarifying any confusion and providing answers to any questions about the medications.

The inaugural 'Pharmacy Week' for Heart of Australia aims to highlight the important role of pharmacists in providing reviews of patients' medicines.

Reform for vaccines

REFORM Management says it's the number one independent supplier of vaccines to pharmacy, and has also launched a price guarantee not to be undercut by any genuine competitor offer on any of its products.

For details see page three.

Bexsero out of stock

GLAXOSMITHKLINE (GSK)

has again advised that due to high global demand for Bexsero (meningococcal B) vaccine, the product will be unavailable for

supply in Australia until early 2017.

Bexsero is not currently available on the National

Immunisation Program, but increasing demand means supply to Australia is currently constrained.

The company advises those affected to visit www.tga.gov.au for ongoing updates to supply, and regrets any inconvenience to patients seeking the vaccine as well as pharmacists and doctors.

GSK medical information will also take calls on 1800 033 109.



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Generic switch risk

A RETROSPECTIVE cohort study in a 'real-world' setting has revealed that switching patients between generic equivalents may expose patients to a higher risk of therapy discontinuation.

CLICK HERE for the BMJ absract.



Events Calendar

WELCOME to Pharmacy Daily's events calendar, opportunities to earn CPE and CPD points.

If you have an upcoming event you'd like us to feature, email info@pharmacydaily.com.au.

- 9 Nov: PBI Brisbane Workshop; Customs House; visit: www. pharmacybusinessinsight. com.au
- 11 Nov: Pharmacy Needle and Syringe Program Webinar, register here: www.guild.org.au
- 16 Nov: Pitcher Pharmacy Networking Function; Brisbane; for details and to register visit:

www.eventbrite.com.au

- 16-19 Nov: Medicines Management 2016; Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre; for more info visit: www.cpd.shpa.org.au
- 21 Nov: QCPP Quality Assessment Webinar; register here: www.guild.org.au
- 23 Nov: QCPP Refresher Training; Level 2, 40 Burwood Road, Hawthorn; details and to register: www.pharmacyguild. edu.au
- 2-5 Dec: Australasian Pharmaceutical Science Association (APSA) Scientific Meeting; The University of Sydney; more info at: expertevents.eventsair.com
- 9-12 Mar: APP 2017; Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre; for details visit: www.appconference.com

GSK Ermington plant to close

GLAXOSMITHKLINE has confirmed the closure of its manufacturing site in the Sydney suburb of Ermington, with the facility to cease operation in 2020.

GSK Consumer Healthcare said the decision was made after a thorough evaluation of the site which found it would not be able to remain competitive long term.

Michael Tyler, GSK VP Asia Middle East & Africa Supply Chain said "unfortunately significant ongoing investment would be needed to maintain our Ermington manufacturing facility, making it uncompetitive".

The operation will be phased out over the next four years, with production to be gradually transferred to other manufacturing sites in the GSK network as well as third party contract manufacturers.

PHARMAC vax supply

NZ'S PHARMAC agency is inviting proposals for the supply of regional vaccine storage and distribution services, with proposals to be submitted via the Government Electronic Tender Service at www. gets.govt.nz by 5pm on 29 Nov 16.

About 223 jobs will become redundant with the closure, with GSK saying all entitlements for the affected staff are protected.

GSK said it doesn't anticipate any impact on the availability of products currently made at Ermington, with the company working hard to ensure continuity of supply for consumers.

The move may also result in the relocation of the existing GSK Consumer Healthcare commercial offices based in Ermington.

New healthcare atlas

A NEW online interactive tool, compiled by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, allows users to explore data in the Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation in more detail including zooming in on maps.

The Atlas clarifies variations across Australia, in areas such as antibiotic prescribing, surgical, mental health and diagnostic services, and its interactive design enables drill-down interrogation of the data, said Atlas Advisory Group Chair Professor Anne Duggan.

CLICK HERE to access the Atlas.

Dispensary Corner

SILVER-WOVEN undies designed to reduce 99% of radiation from the smartphone in the pocket may be the key to protecting men's fertility.

The Duoo Hopeful underwear (modelled below) was created by three french students and will set you back about \$60 a pair for "full protection" or \$35 a pair for "frontal protection" only.

The pants are designed with cotton, polyester, spandex and of course silver which acts as a 'cage' to capture the phone's potentially harmful rays.

CLICK HERE if you're tempted to buy some for yourself.



HOLLYWOOD is coming to an operating theatre near you.

Million dollar Hollywood high definition technology, used in the making of blockbuster movies such as Mad Max: Fury Road and James Bond's Spectre, is being used in the Sunshine Coast Private Hospital, bringing four times the resolution of the conventional high definition screens to surgeons, with 64-times as many colours.

"The clarity, contrast and colour are far better and there is a greater depth of field," Sunshine Coast orthopaedic surgeon Dr George Parker said.

This technology brings resolution four-times higher than the current 1080p Blu-ray discs, he explained.

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.

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Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Jennifer Alvaro from Symbion.

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