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Today's issue of PD
Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news plus a full page from Pharmacy 4 Less.

Antibiotic awareness

ANTIBIOTIC Awareness Week in Australia is part of a global push endorsed by the World Health Organization (WHO) to encourage people to handle antibiotics with care to slow the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria. The awareness campaign is backed by the **NPS MEDICINEWISE** by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care in partnership with other leading health and livestock organisations and agencies, including NPS MedicineWise. **CLICK HERE** for more.

New MRFF strategy

THE Federal Government's Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) Strategy has laid out the roadmap for addressing some of our biggest health issues, namely obesity, poor bone density and chronic back pain. National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) funding doubled in 2000 and again in 2005, Research Australia said. "As the organisation that has been championing health and medical research for the last 15 years, we can tell you the MRFF is a real game changer," said Research Australia chair, Dr Christine Bennett. CEO of Research Australia, Nadia Levin said the MRFF Strategy's vision of a health system informed by quality research was exactly what was needed. "Research Australia shares the Strategy's vision of a health system fully informed by quality health and medical research," said Levin. "By bringing transformative change to health and medical research we can produce better health outcomes, a stronger economy and a more effective and sustainable health system." Levin said the publication of the Strategy was another critical milestone for the MRFF. **CLICK HERE** for more.

Advertising regs consult

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has posted an invitation to interested parties to comment on the handling of issues under a new complaints-management system for therapeutic goods advertisements directed to the public and other recommended reforms to the advertising regulatory framework. A new centralised advertising complaints-management process has been proposed along with other recommendations by an Expert Panel, which was assessing the regulatory framework for medicines and medical devices and made a total of 58 recommendations in two reports. The Panel's recommendations, intending to simplify the advertising regulatory framework, were to cease pre-approval in favour of a more self-regulatory approach and implementation of a more transparent and efficient complaints management process.

NZ NRT tender opens

NEW Zealand's Pharmaceutical Management Agency PHARMAC has called for tenders to supply nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) in New Zealand including, but not limited to, nicotine gum, lozenges, patches, oral sprays and inhalers. Proposals are to be received by 4.00pm 07 Dec 2016 - www.pharmac.govt.nz.



Coty soars to \$9b

FOLLOWING the successful merger with The Procter & Gamble Company's Specialty Beauty Business, Coty becomes the third-largest beauty company in the world, with approximately USD\$9b in revenue. The company has announced it has restructured into three divisions to manage the change as seamlessly as possible: Coty Luxury, Coty Consumer Beauty and Coty Professional Beauty.

FSANZ infant formula consultations

FOOD Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) has called for submissions on an alternative source of DHA (docosahexaenoic acid) for use in infant formula. FSANZ ceo Steve McCutcheon said the consultation followed an application from DSM Nutritional Products wanting to use an alternative DHA oil derived from Schizochytrium sp. (DHA-B). The organisation has also launched a further consultation on a broader definition for "intense sweeteners" steviol glycosides.

17,000 adverse events

APPROXIMATELY 17,000 reports of adverse events resulting from medicines were received by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) for 2015. Most (54%) were reported by sponsors, 15% came from State and Territory Health Departments (reports of adverse events following immunisation) while 14% were from hospitals and hospital pharmacists and 6% were reported by community pharmacists. The remainder were from GPs (4%), consumers (4%) and 3% other sources, the TGA said. **MEANWHILE** the TGA report on medical device-related adverse events showed a fall in 2015 to 3,359 reports from 3,697 in 2014. As in previous years, the vast majority of reports (84%) were from sponsors themselves and 8% were from allied health professionals - **CLICK HERE**.

Retail lease reform

THE NSW Branch of the Pharmacy Guild has welcomed the NSW Government's amendments to the Retail Leases Act which clarify some issues around community pharmacy leases and bring additional certainty to pharmacy owners. NSW Branch President Mark Douglass said, "We commend the Minister for Small Business the Hon John Barilaro MP for introducing this package of reforms which seek to improve transparency and clarity for landlords and retail tenants. "This is an overdue and welcome reform. "It is an appropriate recognition of the unique characteristics of community pharmacy businesses and will make it easier for tenants and landlords to comply with appropriate lease requirements." Visit www.legislation.nsw.gov.au.

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Dispensary Corner

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US media outlets have reported that after unexpectedly going into labour over the weekend, Sosha Adelstein made a stop off at Boulder County Clerk and Recorder's Office on the way to hospital to cast an early vote.

After filing her vote for Hillary Clinton she made it to the hospital in time to give birth to a girl named Bella Rose (pictured below).

Adelstein and her husband said casting their vote was so vital because "it's really important for us to bring our girl into a world we are proud of".



NETFLIX keeping you awake? Try Napflix, an online Spanish video platform designed to put insomniacs to sleep.

Napflix has a collection of around 60 videos from YouTube such as rain sprinkling on windowpanes, a documentary on the slow life of koala bears and quantum physics lectures.

The clips are deemed boring, repetitive and calming enough to help restless sleepers doze off. Napflix and chill anyone?

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Purple Pen Podcast - SHPA

A **NEW** podcast, supported by the Society of Hospital Pharmacists (SHPA), Austin Health and Alfred Health, is now available for free subscription.

The series is hosted by Jane Booth and Dan Guidone and is a fortnightly discussion about clinical pharmacy in Australia, with interviews exploring a mix of clinical and practice issues.

The name of the podcast derives from the distinctive purple coloured pen used by clinical pharmacists in Australian hospitals.

First topics include Antibiotic Allergies with Dr Jason Trubiano, SHPA Residency Program with



Andrew Matthews and Combination Anticoagulation with Cia Connell (Alfred Health).

The podcast is at iTunes and www.purplepenpodcast.com.

DUSC outcomes

THE Drug Utilisation Subcommittee of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee has released outcomes from its meeting on 29-30 Sep.

The Committee reviewed the utilisation of a range of PBS medicines, including systemic antifungals, antipsychotics, rifaximin, testosterone and osteoporosis medicines.

Also examined were mifepristone and misoprostol for termination of pregnancy, with data so far available indicating adding these drugs to the PBS has not increased the number of terminations of pregnancy in Australia per year.

Animal testing

THE Health Department is inviting submissions to a review which would implement a ban on cosmetic testing on animals - more at www.health.gov.au.

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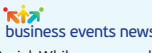
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