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Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news plus a full page from **SOUTHERNATURE**.

TGA teething alert

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has acted on safety concerns about homeopathic teething products, after an alert was raised some weeks ago by the US FDA (**PD** 04 Oct).

In an update issued yesterday the TGA said it's now conducting urgent laboratory testing of homeopathic teething products currently marketed in Australia to ascertain whether any action is required here.

The FDA warning included Hyland's products, some of which are believed to be sold locally, citing a range of adverse events including seizures, breathing difficulties, lethargy, agitation and more.

MedAdvisor hospital pact

LISTED digital medication adherence platform MedAdvisor has announced an extension of its agreement with Bupa, meaning patients with the health insurer will be offered the MedAdvisor system when they are discharged from certain Healthscope hospitals.

The move is part of a new Healthscope/Bupa program called 'Always Events', which aims to tackle the issue of medication related hospital readmission.

Healthscope ceo Robert Cooke said "Always Events are the important, non-negotiable elements of healthcare that should always occur for all patients."

"The initial focus of this agreement is on improving medicine use, with a program to provide end-to-end medication support for high risk patients."

Always Events will use the MedAdvisor platform to track and manage post-discharge adherence, with the program to initially launch at Sunnybank Private Hospital in Queensland, Norwest Private Hospital in NSW, Como Private Hospital in Victoria and Darwin Private Hospital in the NT.

MedAdvisor ceo Robert Read said the choice of the system for the

Always Events service "provides strong credibility for our platform."

"We look forward to working with Bupa to improve patient outcomes by helping recently discharged and high risk patients manage their medication as they return home."

Bupa md Dwayne Crombie said the agreement was "an example of how the private sector is taking action to improve the coordination of the health system and ultimately provide better patient care".

Udecane orphan drug

ORPHARMA'S dispersible tablet Udecane (carglumic acid) has been designated orphan drug status for treatment of hyperammonaemia under specific conditions.

Visit www.tga.gov.au for details.

Mental health consult

MINISTER for Health Sussan Ley invites member of the community and healthcare professionals to give feedback on the draft Fifth National Mental Health Plan which has been approved by the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council.

The plan "articulates national priorities for collaboration across states and territories, the Australian Government, the sector and consumers on mental health for the next five years," Ley said.

"One in five Australians aged 16 to 85 years will experience a mental disorder each year and almost half will experience a mental disorder in their lifetime," she added.

CLICK HERE to access the draft.

PharmaData award

PHARMADATA has announced it is one of 39 Queensland companies (alongside Ego Pharmaceuticals) recognised across 12 categories for excellence in international trade at the Queensland Premier's Export Awards, with the national winners announced yesterday at a ceremony at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Nominated for innovative technologies impacting Health and Biotechnology, PharmaData's software now has international reach with adaptations for seven countries, the company said.

The company's 'Pharmabuddy' software helps pharmacies identify opportunities to improve their position in the community, capturing missed opportunities by analysing POS data in real time and generating sustainable revenue streams - pharmadata.net.au.



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New fish oil product

SOUTHERNATURE has launched a new range of Omega 3 products, highlighting claims they are the only Australian-made products with a five star rating according to International Fish Oil Standards.

For details see **page three**.

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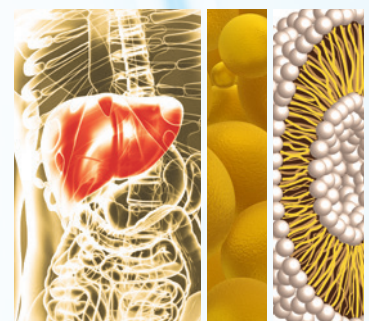
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27-29 Oct: Pharmacy Assistant National Conference; Sea World Resort, Gold Coast; visit: www.pharmacyassistants.com

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

16-19 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

WA pharmacist charged

MEDIA reports surfaced in Western Australia yesterday that a prominent Fiona Stanley Hospital pharmacist is facing charges for stealing heavy-duty opioids and using them in his car.

According to *The West Australian*, Corruption and Crime Commission (CCC) investigators uncovered Matthew Foster's alleged use in Feb following a surveillance operation which was initiated after a tip off from the Health Department.

The details of the case were released yesterday by CCC Commissioner John McKechnie in a hearing before the commission's parliamentary oversight committee.

Foster 38, is yet to lodge a plea to three counts of stealing as a servant and possession of the prohibited drug hydromorphone.

He is out on bail and is set to appear again before the Fremantle Magistrate's Court in Nov.

Foster has been suspended from working as a pharmacist and cannot practice as a pharmacist until he regains approval from the Pharmacy Board of Australia.

According to his LinkedIn profile he is a Clinical Research Fellow at

Perth's Curtin University.

He worked at Fiona Stanley Hospital from Oct 2014 to Feb 2016 as a senior pharmacist where he "worked with consultant anaesthetists, all surgical teams and perfusionists to establish and roll-out Pharmacy Services".

Foster was also chairman of the Western Australian branch of the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia until this year.

PPA slams CWH

CHEMIST Warehouse (CWH) is "a chain that can afford to better recognise its employee pharmacists, create better working conditions and fairer pay," according to union group Professional Pharmacists Australia.

PPA has analysed the CWH submission to the Pharmacy Review, highlighting the firm's defence of its service model, its "amazing team of employee pharmacists" - and the lower average rates they are paid.

PPA is also running its annual pharmacy remuneration survey - to respond **CLICK HERE**.



Dispensary Corner

A 23-YEAR-OLD US woman who arrived at hospital with a bad stomach ache, left with a baby.

Ileana Martinez (**pictured** below) had no idea she was eight-months pregnant when she checked in at Sturdy Memorial Hospital in Attleboro, Massachusetts last weekend.

She claims she didn't experience any of the normal signs of pregnancy: no morning sickness, weight gain or missed periods.

She has been telling US media outlets that she is "still in shock".

"His father thought it was a prank," she said. "We called him while I was pushing. The nurse had to drag him into the hospital room saying, 'Yes, it's a baby, and you need to be there'".

Despite having no idea she had been carrying him, 2.5kg Jaxon St. Pierre was born safe and well.



PUBLIC service announcement: a plastic bottle is not a sex toy.

One man learned this the hard way after getting his manhood stuck inside one for four days.

The 50-year-old Honduras man didn't want to seek help because of the embarrassing situation but when his member started turning black from the constriction, he realised a visit to the local hospital was his only choice.

By the time he arrived for help his entire penis was dead and surgeons had no choice but to amputate it.

WIN WITH SOUTHERNATURE

This week Pharmacy Daily and SOUTHERNATURE are giving away their Omega 3 Concentrate each day.

SOUTHERNATURE's Omega 3 Concentrate is Australia's only 5 Star Rated fish oil, receiving the highest rating for purity, potency and freshness from the only third party testing and certification program for fish oils, IFOS (International Fish Oil Standards). SOUTHERNATURE's Omega 3 Concentrate tests for a number of industry benchmark marks including fish oil stability, purity, potency, heavy metal levels and even radiation. SOUTHERNATURE's Omega 3 Concentrate is made only from Sardine and Anchovy oil to ensure premium amounts of EPA and DHA. For more info **CLICK HERE**.

To win, be the first from TAS or VIC to send the correct answer to comp@pharmacydaily.com.au



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Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Emily Keleher from Good Price Pharmacy.

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