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Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has three pages of news, plus a full page from **Pharmacy Connect**.

Connect in Sydney

PHARMACISTS are being reminded they can still register for the Pharmacy Connect conference taking place at the Four Points by Sheraton in Sydney from this Fri. For details see **page four**.

Pharmacy is ready

THE Pharmacy Guild says Australia's community pharmacies stand ready to help ease the burden on general practitioners, in the light of a government review released yesterday which cited routine consultations for medical certificates and vaccinations as a possible area of reform and cost saving for the Medicare scheme.

The MBS review "clearly underscored the need to better utilise the skills and expertise of Australia's network of community pharmacies," said Guild national president George Tambassis.

He said having more professional services performed via pharmacies was a "win-win situation for doctors and for patients".

UK pharmacy cuts delayed

THE proposed £170 million reduction in pharmacy funding in England will be postponed beyond next month, according to UK pharmacy minister David Mowat.

In a pre-recorded address to the Royal Pharmaceutical Society annual conference in Birmingham yesterday, Mowat said the delay would give the Department of Health time to make the "correct decision" for the sector.

The controversial cuts were outlined at the APP2016 conference on the Gold Coast earlier this year (**PD** 22 Mar), with Ian Strachan, chairman of the National Pharmacy Association slamming proposals such as more 'hub and spoke' dispensing and an extension of prescription duration from 28 to 90 days supply.

The health department has been considering the results of a consultation on pharmacy funding - but since making the initial announcement last Dec Alistair Burt, the minister who initially proposed the cuts, has announced his resignation in the wake of the shock Brexit decision (**PD** 06 Jul).

New minister Mowat wasn't able to provide more information on what the next steps would be.

"But clearly we will not be implementing a change from October, which was our initial target," he said.

He added he was keen to "work closely with the pharmacy profession," adding there is "no question the sector has a major contribution to make".

The proposals sparked a major campaign in the face of threats by former minister Burt that he was targeting the closure of 3,000 community pharmacies - or about one in four across the country.

More than 1 million people signed a petition against the plan, with Mowat saying the response was "frankly an accolade to the way you are regarded amongst communities".

EpiPen generic

MYLAN has announced its US subsidiary will launch a generic version of its EpiPen after widespread criticism of price rises for the branded product.

The list price will be US\$300 for a two pack carton, a discount of more than 50% to the list price.

Mylan said it would also continue to market branded EpiPens.



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Priceline backs female AFL



PRICELINE Pharmacy has been named as a co-major sponsor of the Western Bulldogs' team in the newly formed women's Australian Football League.

API ceo Stephen Roche said as a brand for women Priceline was proud to support the team which "raises the profile of women's sports and also promotes an active and healthy lifestyle".

An exhibition match for the women's league was held last Sat night at the home of the Western Bulldogs – Whitten Oval in Victoria.

The inaugural two month women's AFL season will kick off in Feb 2017 with eight teams including Carlton, Collingwood,

Melbourne, Fremantle, Adelaide, the Brisbane Lions and Greater Western Sydney.

Priceline is also the major sponsor of the Adelaide Thunderbirds netball team and recently supported two female athletes (Genevieve LaCaze and Mariafe Artacho del Solar) who competed at the Rio Olympic Games.

Pictured above during the exhibition match are National marketing manager Bob Jane Tmarts (the team's other major co-sponsor) Zsuzsa Zalatnai; Stephen Roche, ceo of Priceline Pharmacy; Peter Gordon, president of the Western Bulldogs; and Channel Seven reporter Samantha Lane.

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CMA prevention priority

COMPLEMENTARY Medicines Australia (CMA) says the use and further development of complementary medicines "provides an opportunity to counteract spiralling health care costs through more effective disease prevention and preventable chronic disease management".

CMA has joined its voice to the call for a greater focus on preventive health in Australia (**PD** 05 Sep) in the light of a recent poll by Research Australia which found 76% of Aussies "rank investment in preventive health among the top ten priorities for the Australian government".

Carl Gibson, CMA ceo said the government faces the difficult task of ensuring the fair and sustainable funding of healthcare in the face of an ageing population dealing with

increasing levels of chronic disease.

"However consumers are keen to take a more active role in caring for their health, and they need to be supported via a shift in policy focus towards early prevention, encouraging healthy and active ageing, and empowering individuals to take control over their health."

Gibson said the results of the survey, along with the widespread use of complementary medicines, demonstrates that Australians are willing to invest in improving their health, and want to have an active role in their own personal healthcare.

"Cooperation and collaboration between policy makers, industry, health professionals and researchers is vital to ensuring that complementary medicines fulfil their potential of contributing to the overall health of all Australians," Gibson concluded.

Legislative dangers

DIFFERENCES in laws around medicines between Australian states and territories are putting patients and health professionals at risk, according to a study published in the new edition of the SHPA's *Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Research* this week.

A team of Griffith University researchers led by Denise Hope and Michelle King reviewed the legislation and highlighted a range of "inconvenient to life threatening" issues.

Varying rules around the requirements for patient birth dates on scripts, whether pharmacies must retain repeats in different jurisdictions and differences in S4 and S8 listings were cited, with the researchers saying the 2001 Galbally Review recommended uniform medicines legislation between states with "little progress" since then.

"Probably the most urgent reform can be achieved within the SUSMP...if consistent sub-schedules of medications were created we could already begin to reduce significant legislation differences between states," said Dr King.

The Sep 2016 edition of the *JPPR* is now accessible by SHPA members.

Rivaroxaban training

THE Guild Pharmacy Academy has launched another new online course to assist pharmacists in meeting their continuing professional development requirements.

The Academy has partnered with Bayer Australia to develop an online learning course which examines the use of the anticoagulant drug Xarelto (rivaroxaban).

The course gives pharmacists an understanding of the purpose and benefits of anticoagulant therapy in non-valvular atrial fibrillation and venous thromboembolism.

Completion of the course attracts 2 Group Two CPD credits - for details see www.mycpd.org.au.

Copaxone generic

ALVOGEN has launched the first generic equivalent of multiple sclerosis treatment Copaxone in Europe, with the product said to "provide an affordable high quality alternative to MS patients".

Remurel (glatiramer acetate) will be marketed as a once daily subcutaneous 20mg prefilled syringe, with a proprietary auto-injector device called Autoxon.

WIN WITH SOS SKIN RESCUE

This week Pharmacy Daily and SOS Skin Rescue are giving readers each day the chance to win a family pack including four SOS Skin Rescue Creams and four SOS Lip Balms.

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Dispensary Corner

A BREWERY in the US state of Ohio is set to make the most of newly relaxed liquor regulations by selling beer with a mind boggling alcohol content of 55%.

Brewdog will open a new factory in the city of Columbus, with the debut marked by the so-called 'End of History' beer which is being created in response to Ohio House Bill 37 which went into effect last week.

The new legislation removes the previous 12% limit on beers made and sold in Ohio.

An earlier incarnation of the Brewdog 55% alcohol beer was sold in an extremely limited edition of just 12 bottles.

In a true example of 'only in America' each of the precious brews had some unique packaging - it was literally encased in a stuffed squirrel (pictured below).



POLICE in Sweden have ended up red-faced after arresting a man when they found 20 bags of white powder in his vehicle during a traffic stop.

According to the officers roadside tests indicated the presence of amphetamines, however subsequent testing by the Swedish National Forensic Centre found it was just glucose.

The 40-year-old was subsequently released without charge, with the local police chief describing the incident as "unfortunate".

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