

## S8 RUM problem

**SCHEDULE 8** poisons returned from aged care homes and from the public to pharmacies continue to increase in quantity constituting a risk, the Victorian Pharmacy Authority (VPA) has said in its August circular to pharmacy license holders and pharmacies.

The VPA emphasised that S8 medicines should be secured before destruction given that pilfering or theft will not be deterred by an S8 dispensing label.

The public consultation around VPA draft guidelines as described in yesterday's **Pharmacy Daily** is also accessible through the circular.

Other issues in the communication include workload level recommendations, client privacy matters, inspection reports, planogram compliance, poisons regulation compliance examples, electronic S8 registers, age-and-weight-based paediatric dosing, compounding and more.

**CLICK HERE** to access the circular.

## TWC consumer campaign

**TERRYWHITE** Chemmart (TWC) is ramping up its growth development with the roll-out of its first nationwide consumer campaign under the new store branding. Around 65% of the TWC network pharmacies now carry the new green signage and logo (**pictured**), the firm said.

The campaign, dubbed 'Alive and Well', will include a "price match guarantee" on everything storewide, at the same time focusing on the company's "commitment to provide the most qualified and accessible pharmacists with the best health programs," according to TerryWhite Chemmart ceo Anthony White.

"It's exciting to see our health proposition coming through strongly in our first consumer campaign," he said.

"Our vision is to be the most respected voice on health in the



industry while also ensuring value is always provided to our customers."

White said the rebrand was tracking ahead of schedule, with the conversion for the combined network expected to be completed by the end of 2017.

"Our members have been working hard to bring the brand to life and we couldn't be more thrilled with the response.

"We are impressed with the speed by which the rebrand process has taken place and it's great to see the green rolling out across the country," White added.

Following the merger of Terry White Chemists and Chemmart announced almost exactly twelve months ago (**PD** 04 Aug 16), TWC is now Australia's largest retail pharmacy brand, with around 500 stores around the country.

## Engerix-B shortage

**GLAXOSMITHKLINE** has confirmed it is currently experiencing an "ongoing supply constraint" of its Engerix-B (hepatitis B surface antigen recombinant (yeast) vaccine) adult in Australia, due to a precautionary halt in the manufacturing process.

The company said production is now back to normal, but it will take time to rebuild capacity and at this stage GSK is unable to confirm a re-supply date.

Engerix-B paediatric dose is still available, with GSK prioritising hepatitis B vaccine availability for those most at risk of infection.

All Australian federal, state and territory government vaccination programs continue to receive an uninterrupted supply of Engerix-B, while the Twinrix combination hepatitis A and B vaccine is also still available, the company confirmed.

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## Accreditation update

**SUBMISSIONS** to the discussion paper on the health ministers' Accreditation Systems Review have now been made public on the COAG Health website, including a response from the Australian Pharmacy Council - **CLICK HERE**.

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## AURA17 resistance action

A **COMPREHENSIVE** new report commissioned by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care has identified specific strategic opportunities to combat antimicrobial resistance apparent from new data.

The report, *Antimicrobial Use and Resistance in Australia 2017 (AURA17): Second Australian report on antimicrobial use and resistance in human health*, has highlighted a number of specific types of bacteria as major emerging healthcare problems, with one type in particular causing resistance to last-resort antibiotics in just over half of hospital samples.

"Despite some recent gains in efforts to encourage more careful use of antibiotics, the new report finds as much as 56% of samples

of enterococci can be resistant to the antibiotic vancomycin – a level higher than in any European country," the Commission said.

In addition, the report found that a strain of methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) has become the most common type of MRSA infection in the community, and is now a more common cause of bloodstream infections than hospital-associated strains.

Action recommended from the data include monitoring and reducing antibiotic prescriptions both in community pharmacy and hospitals (including 'surgical prophylaxis') and monitoring of the spread of resistant strains of neisseria gonorrhoeae.

In terms of vancomycin resistance, the report also urges "strict adherence to infection control guidelines".

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## More Review criticism

**THE** Medicines Partnership of Australia (MPA) has issued a statement collating the positions of all its member organisations on the controversial King Review of pharmacy remuneration and regulation in Australia.

The Pharmacy Guild, Medicines Australia, the Australian Self-Medication Industry, the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, the Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Association and the National Pharmaceutical Services Association have all expressed concerns over parts of the Review.

The combined statement warns the proposed options "threaten the stability of a system that has delivered for Australian patients over a long period of time and is not in need of a major overhaul".

MPA chair Donna Staunton said if the review proceeds on its current trajectory negative impacts would be felt right across the pharmaceutical supply chain, ultimately increasing prices and reducing choices for consumers.

## Connect female panel

**HIGH** profile female pharmacists will take part in a panel discussion on 'Empowering women in community pharmacy' during the upcoming Pharmacy Connect conference, taking place from 01-03 Sep at the Sydney Hilton.

The panel will include DeAnn Mullins, president of the US National Community Pharmacists Association; Christine Venter, president of the South African Association of Community Pharmacists; White Retail Group managing director Rhonda White; community pharmacy owner Shu Fen Liauw; NSW Pharmacy Guild Branch Committee member Caroline Diamantis; and Lucy Walker, winner of the Guild Pharmacy of the Year 2017 award.

See [pharmacyconnect.com.au](http://pharmacyconnect.com.au).

## Board communique

**THE** Pharmacy Board of Australia yesterday issued a communique in relation to its last meeting on 21 Jul, including an update on advertising to consumers.

The AHPRA website features guidelines "to help pharmacists check and correct their advertising so they comply with legal requirements," including examples of non-compliant advertising and information on AHPRA processes for managing advertising complaints.

"Pharmacists are responsible for their advertising and must be able to substantiate any claims made that their services benefit patients...if in doubt about a claim pharmacists should leave it out of their advertising," the Board said.

## WIN WITH GAIA

This week Pharmacy Daily and GAIA are giving away each day a "nappy suite" prize pack including Soothing Cream, 100g Powder, 80 pack of wipes and two 20 packs of wipes.

GAIA's Natural Baby Soothing Cream slips easily into your bag, making it your nappy change essential from the leading Australian brand of natural baby skincare. Containing beeswax, zinc, castor oil and marshmallow along with all the usual GAIA goodies, this Soothing Cream is the perfect companion to soothe and protect skin. **CLICK HERE** to find out more.

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Name any 3 ingredients in the Soothing Cream.

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Adrian Sung.

## CW supports beach netball

### BEACH

Netball has announced a partnership with Australian Pharmacy retail group Chemist Warehouse in a major acquisition for Australia's fastest growing social netball festivals.

Chemist Warehouse chief operating officer Mario Tascone said he is thrilled the pharmacy group is involved in the Beach Netball Festival for 2017.

"At Chemist Warehouse we take pride in supporting Australian sports at every level, whether that's on a grassroots level, local or national level," Tascone said.

"Beach Netball is a fantastic initiative providing a fun, competitive and safe environment for Australians of all ages and fitness levels, and encourages participants to feel healthier, happier and more confident."



Chemist Warehouse has 385 stores nationally and over 1.5 million customers visiting their stores every day.

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## Dispensary Corner

**GEORGE Clooney (pictured)** has officially been confirmed as the world's most handsome man - and science can prove it.

In an excellent example of a productive use of mathematics, a British plastic surgeon has collated the so-called 'Golden Ratio' with the dimensions of several global celebrities.



The Golden Ratio is exactly 1.618 - and if your facial symmetry measurements are close to that then you're more likely to be considered attractive.

Dr Julian De Silva conducted the study, finding Clooney scored the closest to perfection with a rating of 91.86% - just ahead of Bradley Cooper at 91.8% and Brad Pitt who was rated 90.51%.

Other top rated stars included One Direction's Harry Styles, soccer star David Beckham and movie actor Ryan Gosling.

**SCIENTISTS** from Harvard University in the USA have used the secretions of slimy slugs as the inspiration for a new type of 'bio glue' which could transform medicine.

The incredibly strong substance is able to flexibly move with the body and sticks to wet surfaces.

The 'Dusky Arion' slug creates sticky mucus to defend itself, with a report in the *Science* journal detailing work which shows the glue is non-toxic and three times stronger than any other medical adhesive, with a wide range of medical applications.

## Bayer heads to the Heart of Australia



**HEART** of Australia last week conducted the first ever Healthy Roadshow in Queensland's Darling Downs, in conjunction with program partner Bayer.

The community health festival coincided with the Heart of Australia's regular mobile cardiac clinic visits, kicking off in Dalby on Thu 27 Jul before continuing through to Goondiwindi and finishing in St George last Sat.

National experts took part, presenting on animal well-being in livestock production, modern sustainable agriculture in Australia,

managing allergies in rural areas, and preventing eye disease in people with diabetes.

"Bayer is bringing thought leaders in locally to bring the latest information to country communities," said cardiologist Dr Rolf Gomes, founder of Heart of Australia.

"This event is yet another example of their long-term commitment to supporting the health of all Australians".

**Pictured** above during the roadshow are, from left: Bayer public and government affairs manager Adrian Dolahenty; Darling Downs Mayor Paul McVeigh; Rolf Gomes, Heart of Australia; Member for Maranoa David Littleproud; and Bayer head of public and government affairs, Richard Dickmann.

## EMA Brexit plan

**THE** European Medicines Agency has kicked off a business continuity plan to deal with the "uncertainty and workload implications linked to the UK's withdrawal from the European Union".

Brexit is a key issue for the EMA which is currently based in London and will need to be relocated - along with almost 900 staff.

In its latest update the agency's board confirmed it would select from a list of cities bidding to host the facility at its next meeting in Oct, with European member states keenly vying for the facility.

## \$40m for dementia

**THE** Federal Government yesterday announced the allocation of over \$40 million to 45 medical research projects which will improve the lives of Australians fighting dementia.

The full list of grant recipients is now available on the NHMRC website at [www.nhmrc.gov.au](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au).

## Events Calendar

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If you have an upcoming event you'd like us to feature, email [info@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:info@pharmacydaily.com.au).

**5-9 Aug:** Medici Capital Pharmacy Snow Business Conference 2017; Mt. Buller, Victoria; register your interest here: [www.medici.com.au](http://www.medici.com.au)

**6-12 Aug:** Pharmeducation Pharmacotherapy Update; Cable Beach Club Resort, Broome; details here: [www.pharmeducationbroome.com](http://www.pharmeducationbroome.com)

**1-3 Sep:** Pharmacy Connect; Hilton Hotel Sydney; register here: [www.pharmacy-connect.com.au](http://www.pharmacy-connect.com.au)

**10-14 Sep:** 77th FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences 2017; Seoul, Republic of Korea; register here: [www.fip.org](http://www.fip.org)

**24-28 Sep:** 2017 Pharmacy Alliance Members' Forum; Palazzo Versace, Gold Coast; register here: [www.pharmacyalliance.com.au](http://www.pharmacyalliance.com.au)

**17-19 Oct:** World Self Medication Industry General Assembly 2017; ICC Sydney; registrations opening soon: [www.wsmiga2017.com](http://www.wsmiga2017.com)

**26 Oct:** CMA Annual Conference and Industry Awards; Sydney; details here: [www.cmaustralia.org.au](http://www.cmaustralia.org.au)

**26-28 Oct:** Pharmacy Assistant National Conference; QT Gold Coast; for details see: [www.pharmacyassistants.com](http://www.pharmacyassistants.com)