

Course fever runs hot

GUILD Learning and Development has partnered with Reckitt Benckiser to create a CPD-accredited online course titled 'Managing fever in infants and toddlers'.

The new course examines the aetiology of infant and toddler fever, and reviews the pharmacological and non-pharmacological management options available.

Efficacy and tolerability of paracetamol and ibuprofen in the treatment of paediatric fever are also compared.

Guild Learning and Development said that parents often present to a pharmacy seeking advice on how to manage fever in infants and

younger children because of their ready accessibility.

As a result, pharmacists are well placed to provide advice and triage for referral to GPs when necessary.

See www.myCPD.org.au.

FDA Zika samples

THE US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has made available a panel of human plasma samples to aid in the regulatory evaluation of serological tests to detect recent Zika virus infection.

The panel includes de-identified samples from individuals infected with Zika, West Nile or Dengue viruses, and is available to developers with devices in the final stages of validation.

eHealth pharmacy benefits

THE rollout of the government's My Health Record system and integration with dispensing software in NSW's Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District has returned early positive results for patient care by picking up missing medications information and saving time for clinicians, particularly after hours.

NSW Health has been running a "benefits realisation program" with a focus on the Nepean District evaluating the degree to which the My Health Record system has been embedded into the state's HealtheNet system and into clinical workflow.

Around 98% of people in the region now have a My Health Record following last year's trial of opt-out participation, and the area is now seeing about 1,500 shared health summaries uploaded by local GPs and 32,000 dispensing records uploaded by community pharmacists on a monthly basis.

Medications information from the state's iPharmacy system is also shortly to be added, according to HealtheNet benefits realisation lead Jo-Anna Wood.

All 207 hospitals in NSW are able to view HealtheNet within the EMR, and it also provides access to the My Health Record data.

"There is the PBS report in the Medicare information, and the pharmacists have found this information really useful, particularly if it's after hours,"



My Health Record

Wood said.

"When the GP presses print on the prescription and it prints out the barcode, a copy goes up to the prescription

exchange service and to the My Health Record.

"You can then start to match that up with a dispense record coming from retail pharmacies.

"Clinicians are finding it incredibly useful to see that it has been prescribed by the GP and then dispensed by the pharmacist."

Nepean Hospital director of pharmacy described an instance where the system contributed to saving a patient's life.

A diabetic patient admitted with worsening heart failure was only charted with one drug for her diabetes, but the pharmacist was able to look into the My Health Record and HealtheNet and see that she was actually on three different diabetes-related medications.

Wood explained, "They were able to treat her for what she was admitted for but also her other conditions and get her diabetes under control."

Medicine misuse

NPS MedicineWise's 7th annual campaign has been announced with a focus on "Medicine misuse can happen to anyone".

Next week, 21 to 27 Aug, NPS is encouraging Australians to be "safe and wise with their medicines by taking them as directed".

Be Medicinewise Week will shine a light on medicine misuse and the many ways misuse can happen, the obvious, and not so obvious.

The week promotes the wise use of medicines and encourages all Australians to be proactive in taking their medicines safely.

There will be a highlight on potential traps with medicines such as taking them at the wrong time, in the wrong dose, in unsafe ways such as cutting tabs or opening capsules, sharing with family or friends, mixing medicines or taking them with other drugs such as alcohol.

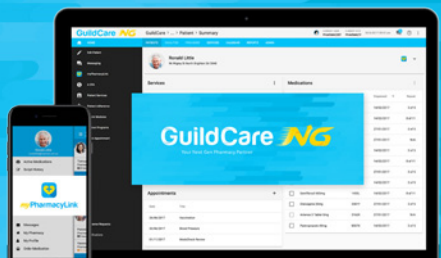
NPS MedicineWise CEO Dr Lynn Weekes said, "We want all Australians to be aware that misusing prescription and over-the-counter medicines can potentially cause harm".

Free resource materials are available for download at nps.org.au/bemedicinewise.

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TGA balances Lateline

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration's (TGA's) Special Access Scheme (SAS) Category B, by which patients can access a range of unregistered medicines, came under fire from the *ABC Lateline* television program this week, prompting a balancing response.

The show made claims that patients were turning to the black market for medicinal cannabis products because of excessive red tape involved in the SAS.

The TGA made the strong point that *Lateline* itself provided the answer to the problem of difficulty of access when one of the interviewees, Justin Sinclair, stated, "There is a great paucity of evidence in the literature, at least when it comes to human trials".

Evidence based medicine is the cornerstone of the Australian health system, the TGA said, providing for the best possible care, "and importantly, protection of patients".

The scarceness of evidential data, including that around safety, "means that it would be inappropriate to allow access without appropriate clinical oversight and would risk the health and safety of patients", the TGA argued.

"Medicinal cannabis products are not treatments of first choice, precisely because they have not yet been assessed for safety, quality and efficacy.

"Until they are, it is appropriate to protect patient safety to ensure that doctors using these products are making an appropriate clinical decision based on sound evidence."

The TGA said that while it is working with states and territories to streamline necessary state based approval processes, it is concerned about patients turning to dangerous black market products.

Henfrey takes the reins

BLACKMORES chairman Stephen Chapman has announced the appointment of company chief operating officer Richard Henfrey (pictured) as the new ceo for the firm effective yesterday (*PD* breaking news).

The appointment follows the recent resignation of Christine Holgate (*PD* 28 Jun 17).

Both internal and external applications were accepted in the extensive process, the company ASX announcement said.

"Richard has been at the forefront of Blackmores' strategy development for more than eight years and has driven key business projects that positioned us well for the transformation of our business over that time," said Chapman.

"He has demonstrated his integrity, leadership capability and strong strategic and financial acumen throughout this time and has earned the respect of his team, our business partners and the Board," he said, adding: "He met all of our criteria to become the next leader of the Blackmores business".

In addition to his coo role, Henfrey has also held executive team roles across Strategic Sourcing and People and Strategy.

He was also president of the complementary medicines industry association, Complementary Medicines Australia.

Prior to Blackmores, Henfrey had worked for Telstra as director of Technical Sales, Telstra Business, gm, Business Sales NSW and gm of Marketing Strategy, Telstra Business and Government.

Henfrey emigrated to Australia

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in 2003 with his wife and children after fulfilling a director of strategy role with Energis plc, playing a key role in financially restructuring the business.

His qualifications include a honours degree in Natural Science from Cambridge University specialising in genetics as well as molecular and cell biology.

UK OTC psoriasis

BRITAIN'S Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency has announced the rescheduling of Dovonex Psoriasis 50 microgram/g ointment which will be available through pharmacies without prescription.

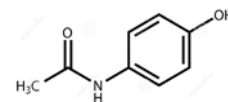
With active ingredient calcipotriol, the medication will be supplied as a course of up to 12 weeks in a 60g tube to adults aged over 18 with previously diagnosed mild to moderate plaque psoriasis, after consultation with a pharmacist.

Aus/NZ paracetamol poisoning guidelines

UPDATED guidelines around management of paracetamol poisoning have been published in an article commissioned by the *Medical Journal of Australia* but not peer reviewed.

Paracetamol is the leading pharmaceutical agent responsible for calls to Poisons Information Centres in Australia and New Zealand, with both deliberate and accidental exposures.

This is the third edition of the guidelines and identifies significant



recent changes for indications for administration of activated charcoal, the management of patients taking large or massive overdoses, modified-release and supratherapeutic ingestions as well as paediatric liquid paracetamol ingestion.

Most paediatric exposure is accidental with paracetamol readily ingested in its sweetened liquid forms designed to entice a child's palette.

A series of flow charts define the recommended processes.

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Dispensary Corner

THE "afterburner effect" is probably a significant phenomenon for competitors in China's "Spicy King" competition in Nngxiang, which aims to attract visitors to the southern Chinese Hunan province which is famous for its spicy cuisine.

Some of the country's most daring eaters had to consume as many chillies as they could in one minute - with a unique twist, in that they had to do it in a chilli-filled bath (pictured below).

According to the *People's Daily*, the winner, a man named Su, took home the prize after scoffing 15 chillies in 60 seconds.



IN AN excellent example of healthy ageing, Barbara Rygiel from San Francisco's Bay Area has received a "lifetime bus pass" at the age of 103.

Rygiel is being honoured for being a loyal customer of the Pinellas Suncoast Transfer Authority, after riding the local bus at least four days per week to church for the last few decades.

Rygiel lives independently and looks after the rose garden at the Lutheran Residences of South Pasadena.

She believes it's mind over aches and pains, saying "if I tell myself I'm super then I feel better."

"I get up in the morning and say 'Barbara, you're super. So get up and do the work,'" she said.

Corum launches upgrade

PHARMACY software specialist Corum Health has today formally launched its new Streamlined Dispensing option, described as "a more intuitive and user-friendly single-screen workflow".

CorumLOTS users can choose to dispense in the familiar Classic mode, or with the enhanced Streamlined Dispensing screen which has been designed with the pharmacist user experience at the forefront.

The company says the feedback from pharmacists across Australia has guided development of a sophisticated but intuitive system: "we know that when you can perform simple functions in the same place with minimal effort, it makes your life easier - and saves time".

Key features of the new software include improved and easier navigation, easy view and quick access to patient details or history without interrupting dispensing, patient history and label visibility



during the dispensing process and a fresh new-look user interface.

Corum emphasised that Streamlined Dispensing is optional and computer specific, meaning that if you prefer to keep things as they are, then you can keep using Classic, while another team member can use one mode whilst you enjoy the other.

To learn more about accessing the new option, ring 1300 669 865 or contact your Corum representative.

New US telepharmacy

RETAIL giant Kmart has opened its first in-store "telepharmacy" with an on-site pharmacy technician linked to a remote pharmacist.

The pharmacy in Des Plaines, Illinois, is a pilot program, with Kmart planning to convert more of its pharmacies to the full telepharmacy model within the next few months.

Currently Kmart Pharmacy operates in 292 US locations.

Win with Dreambaby®

This week Pharmacy Daily and Dreambaby® are giving readers the chance to win each day an On-the-Go Denim-Look Strollerbuddy® bag.

These new on-trend bags from Dreambaby® in a choice of blue and grey have been designed with both form and function in mind. Attractive and versatile, they are made with handy mesh and fabric pockets plus storage for two drink holders/bottles and much more. You will be able to fit all the essentials needed for life with little ones from nappies to bottles to wipes plus a change of clothes with room to spare! The On-the-Go Dreambaby® Strollerbuddy® Bags are perfect for running mums as well as mums on the run! For more visit www.dreambaby.com.au

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Would you describe yourself as a running mum or a mum on the run or both?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Simonne Cameron from Scaffidi Group.

Soliris patent extends

ALEXION Pharmaceuticals has announced that the United States Patent and Trademark Office has extended patents for Soliris (eculizumab) to include paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH) with patent expiration in 2027.

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10-14 Sep: 77th FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences 2017; Seoul, Republic of Korea; register here: www.fip.org

24-28 Sep: 2017 Pharmacy Alliance Members' Forum; Palazzo Versace, Gold Coast; register here: www.pharmacyalliance.com.au

17-19 Oct: World Self Medication Industry General Assembly 2017; ICC Sydney; registrations opening soon: www.wsmiga2017.com

26 Oct: CMA Annual Conference and Industry Awards; Sydney; details here: www.cmaustralia.org.au

26-28 Oct: Pharmacy Assistant National Conference; QT Gold Coast; for details see: www.pharmacyassistants.com

16-19 Nov: Medicines Management Conference 2017; ICC Sydney; details tbc: www.shpa.org.au