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Today's issue of PD

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

JPPR vulnerable focus

THE latest issue of the flagship publication of the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA), the Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Research (JPPR), focuses on local and global efforts to "save, improve and extend the lives of women and children around the globe through innovative pharmacy practice".

The Aug edition examines pharmacy research and innovations around Women's and Children's Therapeutics for the first time, complementing the three editions themed around Geriatric Therapeutics.

JPPR is published six times per year and is now available online by CLICKING HERE.

Fake meds webinar

THE International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) has announced it will run an English version of its latest webinar on 'Falsified Medicines' in collaboration with the Community Pharmacy Section on 25 Sep.

The FIP Hospital Pharmacy Section webinar will address the 'Use of Pictograms and Infographics to Support Medication Literacy and Medication Adherence' on 26 Sep.

FIP members can access a video recording of the webinars after the events by visiting fip.org and logging in.

Practice guidelines revised

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) has launched a review of its Professional Guidelines for the revised pharmacy programs, including Dose Administration Aids, MedsCheck/Diabetes MedsCheck, Staged Supply and Home Medicines Review services as announced in the 2017/18 Federal Budget.

The best practice review is part of a regular cycle of analyses undertaken to ensure these documents reflect contemporary pharmacist practice, and support the Quality Use of Medicines and delivery of consistent, high-quality standards of pharmacist care to Australian health consumers, the PSA said

A Project Advisory Group (PAG) of pharmacy, Government and consumer stakeholders has been established under the chairmanship of former PSA president Grant Kardachi.

Principles defining the content have been established by the PAG, with the new guidelines to reinforce focus on patientcentred, collaborative care, and outline the requirements of

CW stocks SASMAR

SASMAR has announced that its Conceive Plus Fertility Lubricant is now available from all Chemist Warehouse pharmacies nationally.

The product is covered by a registered patent in Australia, containing calcium and magnesium ions helping create an environment that is "conducive to natural fertility," the company said.

contemporary pharmacist practice as well as highlight new program requirements, and communicate the important role that data collection will play in future program evaluation.

In addition the review "should promote useability and consistency across the Guidelines and articulate the linkages between programs".

The focus needs to be on "supporting the implementation of the revised programs in practice through the development of practice support and education tools, and the identification of linkages to other key guidance documents (for example Professional Practice Standards, Competency Standards and Code of Ethics for Pharmacists)".

Funded by the Health
Department, the revised guidelines
across Dose Administration Aids,
MedsCheck/Diabetes MedsCheck
and Staged Supply services are
scheduled for release in late Oct.

New guidelines for Home Medicines Review services are scheduled for later in the year and will be followed by the staged roll-out of an associated practice support and education program.

Generic orlistat

ARROW Pharma has announced the launch of a generic version of Xenical into the Australian market.

Prolistat contains orlistat as its

active ingredient, and is indicated to help patients



with weight management.

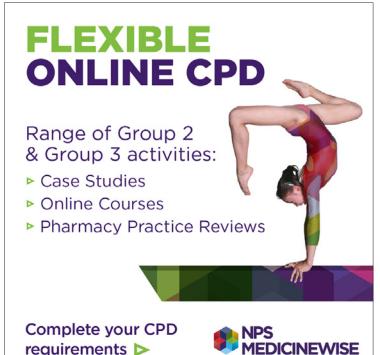
Arrow Pharma estimated the weight loss market for Australian pharmacies is worth \$37.3 million, with the introduction of the generic version of orlistat set to provide "a significant cost-saving for consumers".

Connect with CPD

NEXT week's Pharmacy Connect conference at the Sydney Hilton has been accredited for 7.25 hours of Group 1 CPD suitable for inclusion in an individual pharmacist's CPD plan - which can be converted into a total of 14.5 credits upon successful completion of relevant assessment activities.

The conference takes place Fri 01 Sep-Sun 03 Sep with education sessions across all three days - see pharmacy-connect.com.au.







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Dispensary Corner

THERE'S been a major fake tan fail in the UK, where an 18-yearold mother fell asleep after applying three layers of ultra-dark St Moritz product on her body.

Alicia Bettsworth (pictured below with her somewhat frightened daughter) said she jumped in the shower and tried to scrub it off after waking up but it was too late.

"It looked like I'd bathed in Nutella," she said

Alicia ended up staying indoors for a week to allow things to fade.



A TOILET roll price war has erupted in Iceland, after the opening of a new Costco superstore in Reykjavik which is threatening to put the local manufacturer out of business.

According to *Iceland Magazine*, sales of domestic loo paper maker Papco have plummeted up to 30%, with spokesman Alexander Karason saying he hears the company's future is about to go down the toilet.

A staggering 80,000 Icelanders - or about 25% of the country's population - have already signed up for a Costco membership.

30% pharmacist pay rise push

PROFESSIONAL Pharmacists Australia has launched a campaign which proposes increasing the pay of community pharmacists by 30%.

Late last week the union group released a report it says shows that "despite the 5-year university degree and the important role they play in the health system, pharmacists are among the lowest paid workers in Australia".

The Community Pharmacists Employment and Remuneration Report claims that while pharmacist training is comparable with that of a doctor, pharmacists earn as little as \$27 per hour "and now they're having their penalty rates cut too" according to Professionals Australia ceo Chris Walton.

"The role of pharmacist in our health system has increased over the years to include health consultations, vaccinations and script management - particularly for older people and the rising population with chronic conditions.

"Pay has not increased to reflect that change," Walton fumed.

The 46-page report cites ABS data

showing the average annual salary of a pharmacist is \$66,955 as well as collating survey responses from pharmacists showing median wage growth of just 0.5%.

The report says pay was highest at National Pharmacies where pharmacists were paid \$41.50 per hour on average, and lowest at Chemist Warehouse where the mean rate was \$30.52 per hour.

See professionalsaustralia.org.au.

Healthscope sells medical centres

HEALTHSCOPE Limited on Fri confirmed the \$55 million sale of its medical centres across Australia to Singapore-based Fullerton Health.

The portfolio includes 43 medical centres and five specialist clinics, with the sale following a strategic review which will see Healthscope focus on core hospital operations.

Fullerton already has 70 medical centres in Australia, with its total portfolio comprising 220 offices across the Asia-Pacific region.

Weekly Comment

Welcome to **PD**'s weekly comment feature. This week's contributor is Amy Filicietti, Persuitment (



Recruitment Consultant at Raven's Recruitment.

Don't burn your bridges – Part 1

GIVEN today's work environment is more connected than ever before, maintaining relationships when resigning is vital. Professional networks like LinkedIn and Facebook make for news of an ugly exodus reaching unexpected ears all that much more likely.

We all know it is far too easy to get swept up in the excitement of leaving a toxic workplace. However, you'll still want to be on your best behaviour with your soon-to-be-former colleagues and bosses for a number of reasons, not the least of which is that they will more than likely be acting as your referee in the future.

You should aim to keep your relationships with your managers and colleagues open and positive as you never know who is going to turn up in a job down the track. Perhaps that employee you bad mouthed ends up being your potential boss, or the current manager you gave a piece of your mind to becomes an influencer of the person tasked with hiring new employees for another company. No matter how insular you work place feels, Pharmacy is a small world it pays to leave on a friendly note.

WIN WITH LE TAN

This week Pharmacy Daily and Le Tan are giving away each day Uber Dark Self-Tanning Foam in Green Base.

The next generation in dark tanning is here. Uber Dark is a salon quality dark formulation – developed by tanning and suncare experts Le Tan. Created with highly concentrated tanning actives, Uber Dark delivers the darkest tan possible that is specifically tailored to match your skin tone. With the Uber Dark range, you are able to choose from three base colours of Green, Violet and Ash, to enhance the end result of your tan, as well as a foam infused with Marula Oil. While all Uber Dark bases colours can be used on all skin tones, you are able to tailor your tan to your unique skin type.

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