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#### Today's issue of PD

*Pharmacy Daily* today has two pages of news, our regular health & beauty feature plus a full page from **Pharmacy** *Solutions.* 

#### **Stelara onto PBS**

JANSSEN Pharmaceuticals has confirmed the Pharmaceutical Benefits Listing of Stelara (ustekinumab) for the treatment of adults with severe Crohn's disease.

It is the first and only interleukin (IL)-12/23 inhibitor to be PBS-listed, with the addition to the schedule effective 01 Sep 2017.

Stelara, which is also registered for use for the treatment of psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, targets IL-12 and IL-23 through a one-time weight-based intravenous induction dose, followed by subcutaneous maintenance therapy injections every 8 weeks.

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**RAMSAY** Health Care has confirmed its pharmacy franchise network is on track to total 55 retail pharmacies once current contracts are completed - including the pending acquisition of Queensland's Malouf Group (*PD* 23 Aug).

In the company's annual results announcement today Ramsay said the pharmacies are "providing a base for the provision of medication management and other integrated care services to our patients beyond the hospital walls.

"In the past year we have opened four 24/7 community pharmacies which are located in our major hospitals...in the meantime our existing hospital pharmacy dispensing business continues to perform well," the company said. Ramsay's net profit after tax rose

8.6% to \$488.9 million for the year to 30 Jun 2017, with operating

revenue up 0.2% to \$8.7 billion. Managing director Craig McNally said Ramsay was continuing to invest heavily in the Australian market, expanding and improving its facilities to "ensure we are well placed to meet the demands of an ageing and growing population".

Ramsay also operates in Europe, Malaysia and Indonesia, with McNally saying across all of the company's existing markets there was exciting potential for out-ofhospital growth opportunities in adjacent businesses including retail pharmacy.

"We will continue to seek opportunities to broaden our care beyond hospitals to deliver integrated care across an increasingly disperse ecosystem," McNally said.

#### Cann's first harvest

MELBOURNE-BASED Cann Group has confirmed the successful harvest of its first cultivation cycle of medicinal cannabis in Vic.

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# New pharmacist support tools

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia has released a new practice support and education package, developed in conjunction with the recently released Professional Practice Standards Version 5 (PPS V5).

Available to all pharmacists, new additions focus on biosimilars, with

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PSA practice support and education committee chair, Grant Kardachi, said pharmacists should particularly note the new standard around biosimilar medicines currently approved for use in Australia, including seven items listed on the PBS.

The support package includes a recorded webinar titled *Practical considerations associated with biosimilar medicines* along with an online biosimilar medicines module.

There are also six case studies covering a range of topics to support the broader implementation of PPS V5 in practice, and an interactive online self-assessment tool.

The tool enables pharmacists to create their own 'practice standard profile' to assess compliance with relevant standards and create an action plan for meeting personal development needs.

PSA national president Shane Jackson urged all pharmacists to familiarise themselves with the standards and "use them to assess and guide their practice to optimise their contribution to improve the health of all Australians"

### **UTAS** accolade

**THE** University of Tasmania has come out on top of the pharmacy rankings in this year's Good Universities Guide.

The ratings are based on a combination of graduate salaries, teaching quality, employment rates and resources, with UTAS coming on top in pharmacy for the second year running, with newly minted graduates earning \$3,000 more than the national average.



# GSK shopper science

GLAXOSMITHKLINE Consumer Healthcare has launched a new "Shopper Science Lab" in Singapore which is claimed to have the potential to drive category growth.

The cutting-edge facility delivers unique shopper insights through state-of-the-art technology such as virtual reality, eye tracking, facial biometrics and data visualisation.

GSK will invite its trade partners to the lab to recreate retail environments, evaluate shoppers' responses to various online and in-store initiatives, and "identify winning strategies and initiatives to enhance the shopping experience".

The company said its Australian retail partners would be visiting the new facility as early as Nov 2017.

### **Bowles to Calvary**

**OUTGOING** Health Department secretary Martin Bowles (*PD* 23 Aug) is leaving the public service to take up a new role as ceo of Calvary Care Australia.

Bowles will replace current Calvary ceo Mark Doran, with the not-for-profit Catholic health care organisation operating 15 public and private hospitals, 15 aged care facilities and a national network of community care centres.

# Monash novel drug delivery tech license

THE Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences (MIPS) at Monash University has announced the licensing of a lymphatic drug targeting technology platform to Boston, USA-based PureTech Health, a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company.

Named 'Glyph', the platform is aimed at harnessing the biology of the human lymphatic system to develop novel therapeutics, including those that selectively target certain lymph nodes.

Glyph has potential for the development of new medicines that are both more potent and less toxic to the liver, holding promise for new treatments for a range of conditions from cancer to autoimmune disease.

The technology has been developed by Professor Chris Porter's group at the ARC Centre of Excellence for Bio-Nano Science and Technology at MIPS, with inventors including Tim Quach, Sifei Han, Luojuan Hu, Natalie Trevaskis, Jamie Simpson and Chris Porter.

A new PureTech Health offshoot called Glyph Biosciences will progress the system towards clinical trial in collaboration with the Monash laboratory.

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The seven-year-old thought he had found the perfect hiding spot, but ended up becoming wedged inside the drum of the machine (pictured below) and spoilt the game by having to yell for help.

His family were unable to extricate him from the unusual predicament and called emergency services, with one smart firefighter coming up with the idea of covering him in sunflower oil.

As soon as he was lubed up the boy easily slipped out of the machine, with the rescuers praising him for shedding barely a tear during the ordeal.



ADVERSE drug reactions should be reported - but probably not in this way.

A methamphetamine addict in the USA has called emergency services to report on some odd effects from the drug she had just injected into herself.

According to court documents Margery Ann Dayrider told police officers arriving at her home "I do meth three times a day every day and have never had this reaction before" - just as they charged her with criminal possession of drugs.

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- your-face effect. Because it's not a peel-off mask, you
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