

APC recruits director for accreditation

THE Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) seeks to fill a vacancy for Director Accreditation from suitably qualified pharmacists.

The candidate will need to have an interest in professional accreditation and/or higher education quality assurance.

The role covers Australia and New Zealand and will entail some interstate and international travel.

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Novartis Greece raid

GREEK prosecutors have raided the Athens offices of Swiss pharmaceutical company Novartis as part of a probe into bribery allegations involving doctors and public health officials, a court official told *Reuters*.

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Statins underprescribed

YOUNGER adults are being shortchanged in the treatment of their hyperlipidaemia by being refused statin therapy when indicated, according to findings published in *JAMA Cardiology*.

University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center lead researcher David Zidar and his team tracked rates of statin prescriptions in people screened for dyslipidemia.

The team examined data on 2,884,260 patients over a three-year period at 360 medical centers with patients aged 20 to 75 years.

Significantly, 34% of those with severe dyslipidemia were not prescribed a statin while 25% of patients with even more severe LDL levels (>250 mg/dL) were also denied the standard therapy.

The younger the patient, the less likely they were to get a statin.

Two thirds of US adults with severe dyslipidemia take statins but only 45% of those aged under 40 are prescribed the drug.

"We see these differences in prescription rates and for the group that seems to have a treatment gap, you could argue this is the group that's most important as it's a disease that's genetic and can lead to premature heart disease," Zidar said.

He added it was important to define and manage what factors were driving the treatment gap.

CLICK HERE to access the abstract.

No pilot Leyway

THE saga around the presently stood down Minister for Health Sussan Ley continues to grow in the general media with new allegations around Ley's chartering of a private plane to pilot flights from Canberra to Melbourne and Adelaide at a cost of some \$13,000 dollars to the taxpayer, according to *Fairfax Media*.

AMA past president Brian Owler has said Ley has lost credibility and questioned whether she can keep her job, reports the *AFR*.

Terry Barnes, a policy consultant and former adviser to federal health ministers also said he doubted Ley could retain the role.

ITP early bird closing

THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia has announced its Intern Training Program (ITP) is still open for early bird registration until 17 Jan.

Enrolments officially close on 31 Jan but the Guild has said late enrolments can still be accepted after this date.

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TGA approves leukaemia drug

VENCLEXTA (venetoclax) has been approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) to treat patients with relapsed or refractory chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL).

The first-in-class, once-daily oral B-cell lymphoma-2 inhibitor was discovered & developed as part of a joint research collaboration with the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute (WEHI) in Melbourne & AbbVie.

AbbVie said it was working with the Australian Government to make Venclexta available through PBS funding as early as possible.

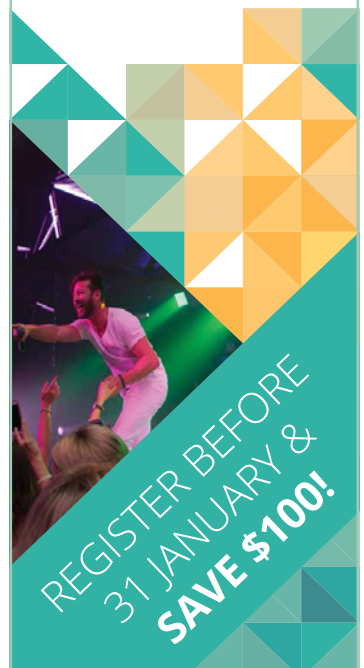
In a Phase 2 clinical trial of Venclexta in 107 patients with previously treated CLL with 17p deletion, the overall response rate was 79%, the company said.

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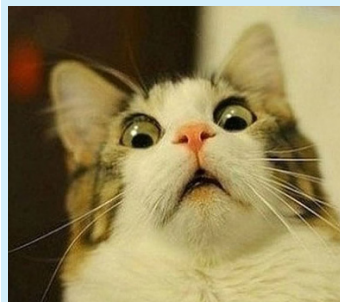
Dispensary Corner

KITTY litter or methamphetamine? Could you tell the difference?

Usually perhaps, but Ross Lebeau, 24, from Texas, was arrested on suspicion of possessing the illegal substance when police failed to recognise the difference, according to *Metro*.

Lebeau was kept in custody for three days before police realised their mistake, following repeated tests on the product.

Somewhat bizarrely, Lebeau kept the kitty litter in a sock in his car to prevent the windows misting up with condensation.



REGULAR sauna bathing may protect men against dementia, according to a recent study carried out at the University of Eastern Finland.

A 20-year follow-up found men steaming themselves in saunas 4 to 7 times a week were 66% less likely to be diagnosed with dementia than those who were only getting hot and sweaty in the steam bath once a week.

The study was conducted in Finland on 2,315 men aged between 42 and 60 when the study began.

More research will now be done to expand the findings to women and those in warmer climates.

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