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Diabetes in pharmacy

MEDICAL technology company BD (Becton, Dickinson & Company) is encouraging pharmacists to mark this year's National Diabetes Week by re-evaluating their in-store diabetes services.

More than 390,400 Australians take insulin therapy and are registered with the National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS).

This represents 31% of all people with diabetes in Australia and the equivalent of nearly 60 people who require insulin registering with the NDSS every day.

BD md Hilary Crilly said pharmacy staff could play a crucial role in encouraging people with diabetes who inject their medication to adopt better injection technique.

"Correct injection technique is an area that is infrequently discussed, yet it's a critical component of treatment and many people with diabetes find it challenging," she said.

THE Australian Self Medication Industry (ASMI) has backed changes to the complaints process around advertising of medicines and medical devices to the public, but expressed disguiet over the details.

This follows the announcement that the TGA will take on sole responsibility for handling consumer advertising complaints from 01 Jul 2018 to "simplify and improve" the process (PD 10 Jul). ASMI ceo Deon Schoombie warns

that "the devil is in the detail". "We are happy with the direction

that the complaints handling is going, however ASMI remains concerned about the removal of pre-approvals prior to the effectiveness of new measures

NovoPen Echo recall

INSULIN company Novo Nordisk, in consultation with the TGA, has initiated a consumer level recall of some batches of its NovoPen Echo insulin cartridge holder after detecting there was a possibility they could crack or break if exposed to chemicals in some cleaning agents, impacting insulin dosing. See health.gov.au for details.

being demonstrated," he said. The TGA said the removal of pre-approvals was "to deter the inappropriate and misleading advertising of therapeutic products".

ASMI pre-approvals concern

In addition, the TGA had flagged a revamp of advertising guidelines for pharmacist-only (S3) medicines.

"The TGA has taken a step in the right direction to streamline the complaints handling process in order to help deliver consistent decision-making, compliance and enforcement," Schoombie said.

"We look forward to working with the TGA to develop the details of both the new scheme and the transition arrangements."

Big pharma sues NHS

BRITISH pharmaceutical companies, via their peak body, the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI), have launched legal action against the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) in an effort to prevent drug rationing purely on a cost basis.

Drugs estimated to cost the UK NHS more than £20m a year would be rationed under the proposal, with the ABPI saying this would contravene "the fundamental right to access cost-effective medicines".

NICE estimates that this will affect one in five new medicines each year impacting most major drug manufacturers, and especially cancer patients.

The NHS experienced a deficit of more than £2.45b in 2015-16.

BioCeuticals seminar

BIOCEUTICALS has announced it will be hosting a nationwide seminar for health professionals next month, titled SIBO and Gastrointestinal Parasites: A Clinical Perspective on Treatment and Prevention.

Gastrointestinal expert Alessandra Edwards will share the latest research and therapeutic approach

to diagnose and treat small intestinal bacterial overgrowth (SIBO)



and parasites such as blastocystis hominis and dientamoeba fragilis. For pharmacists, six Group 2 CPD credits are available upon completion of the seminar and the online multiple-choice question

component. Full registration is \$99.00 or a bundle deal offers two seminars for \$148.00 - CLICK HERE for details.

Hep A supplies OK

SANOFI Pasteur has confirmed that it does have stock of Hepatitis A and Hepatitis A / Typhoid combination vaccines available in Australia, despite some recent media coverage suggesting possible impending shortages.

Sanofi Pasteur gm Russell Jacobson said, "We would like to reassure healthcare professionals and patients seeking vaccinations for Hepatitis A, that vaccines are available," advising that people who are travelling overseas should visit their doctor before they travel.

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Corum-Tyro integration

AUSTRALIAN-LISTED healthcare software company Corum Healthcare has partnered with EFTPOS technology specialist company Tyro to provide community pharmacies with a flexible payment system that's independent of the major banks.

Launching today, the new integration of POS and EFTPOS removes the need to rekey purchase totals into the EFTPOS terminal, meaning end of day totals for EFTPOS and point of sale always match up, which streamlines reconciliation, Corum said.

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Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Noelene Morris from Marlin Coast Amcal. Pharmacies who use Corum LOTS POS software are expected to benefit significantly from this new integration of the two systems. Corum and Tyro's integration

"cuts out the need for thirdparty middleware and provides consistently fast, stable transaction processing, even during the year's busiest

periods," the companies said in a joint statement. Tyro is the only Australian technology company with a

banking licence and already delivers EFTPOS services to over 15,000 merchants.

"The award-winning Tyro app enables pharmacies to check their card turnover and daily settlements in real-time and on the go.

"Pharmacies will also be able to approve payroll and batch bill payments with a single-touch."

Corum said its sales team would be happy to field enquiries about the new integration offering live chat for sales and technical enquiries through Corum's website.

e-cigs regulation push

THERE is currently no compelling evidence that e-cigarettes are successful in helping people to stop smoking, and they should remain subject to strong regulation here, according to the Australian Medical Association (AMA).

In its submission to the Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport *Inquiry into the Use and Marketing of Electronic Cigarettes and Personal Vaporisers in Australia*, the AMA says the tobacco industry is aggressively pursuing new products, including e-cigarettes, which can either maintain or establish a nicotine addiction in users.

AMA President, Dr Michael Gannon, said "we must not allow e-cigarettes to become a socially acceptable alternative to smoking," with the technology also likely to send signals to children and young people that it is okay to smoke.

"Smoking causes cancer, and smoking kills people," he said.

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We're exited to announce a new partnership between Corum Health LOTS POS and Tyro providing community pharmacies with a flexible payment system independent of the major banks.



Turnbull hails AZ \$100m investment



PRIME minister Malcolm Turnbull has done more than just visit the Queen during his trip to the UK this week, with his London itinerary also including a meeting overnight with AstraZeneca (AZ) ceo Pascal Soriot.

The occasion included an announcement by AZ that it would invest a further \$100 million in its Australian manufacturing operation, including 60 new jobs.

The expansion will see the development of three specialised production lines for innovative respiratory medicines, which will boost AZ's international exports from the site in Sydney's North Ryde to more than \$2.4 billion over the next four years.

Each production line has the capacity to produce over 70 million units per year of asthma treatment Pulmicort Respules.

Soriot said AstraZeneca had a 60-year history of innovation in Australia, and "our latest investment is an example of the tremendous opportunities presented by high-tech manufacturing and productivity, creating jobs, boosting exports and ultimately making a positive impact on the Australian economy".

AZ has already invested \$105m in the North Ryde production site over the last five years, with the three new lines complementing eight existing specialised facilities.

It is forecast that by 2025 AZ will be producing over one billion respules annually from Sydney.

Mark Morgan, AstraZeneca Australia manufacturing director, said the machinery used was a result of close collaboration with Melbourne-based Andrew Donald Design Engineering, which will build each new production line from scratch to AZ's design specification.

"Despite the trend for manufacturing businesses to relocate to countries where labour costs are lower, we're investing and expanding our manufacturing operations in Australia with locally manufactured equipment," he said.







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RESEARCHERS at America's Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore have enlisted the help of about twenty pastors, rabbis, priests and Buddhists to investigate the impact of mind-altering drugs on religious experiences.

Participants are go be given two monthly doses of psilocybin, the active ingredient in magic mushrooms - said to give users profound, mystical "trips".

The experiment aims to assess whether a transcendental experience makes the leaders more effective and confident in their work, and how it affects their religious thinking, according to a Guardian report.

A full analysis of the outcomes will be produced after a one-year follow-up, with lead researcher Dr William Richards saying so far "generally people seem to be getting a deeper appreciation of their own religious heritage".

TOO much chocolate can be bad for you - but that's unlikely to be an issue with a newly released



confection which costs more than \$6,000 per kilogram.

The La Madeline au Truffe (above) is created by Danish chocolatier Fritz Knipschildt, who prepared a special version in New York this week to achieve the Guinness World Record for the most expensive chocolate.

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