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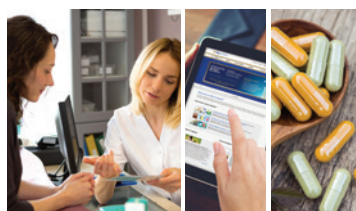
Contraception online

NOT-FOR-PROFIT reproductive health pharmaceutical company Marie Stopes Health will be hosting a free educational webinar on the EllaOne (ulipristal acetate) emergency contraceptive pill for pharmacists and other healthcare professionals on 10 May at 7pm.

The webinar will cover general information about the product, its efficacy and safety, how to advise women, their knowledge and preferences, as well as frequently asked questions.

There will also be an interactive Q&A session.

Pharmacists can register to participate at goo.gl/E10Aa9.



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Hyland teething trouble

AFTER months of speculation around the quality and safety of Hyland homeopathic infant teething products, the Therapeutic Goods Administration has announced that Kadac is recalling all batches of Hyland's Baby teething tablets and Hyland's Baby nighttime teething tablets sold in Australia.

Last year the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a formal warning to consumers that these teething products may pose a health risk to infants and children (PD 04 Oct 16).

The FDA had conducted an investigation and determined that these products supplied in the US contained inconsistent amounts of belladonna alkaloids, a toxic

substance, which may differ from the calculated amounts listed on the products' labels.

At the time, the FDA urged the manufacturer to agree to a recall - a call which was rejected by Hyland (PD 30 Jan 17), resulting in the FDA re-issuing a formal warning to "stop using the Hyland's products and dispose of any tablets in their possession".

In the meantime, the TGA had conducted its own tests of the Hyland's products supplied in Australia (PD 02 Feb 17), saying it "found no quality issues".

Despite this Kadac is now recalling the tablets as a precautionary measure "due to the potential safety risks that belladonna alkaloids can pose to children".

Belladonna effects can be unpredictable and could cause serious health problems, including seizures in children, the TGA said.

Hyland's Baby teething tablets or Hyland's Baby nighttime teething tablets can be returned to the point of purchase for a full refund or call Kadac on 1300 762 025, the TGA has said, advising consumers to speak to their pharmacist for more advice on ways to manage infant teething issues.

Plain cig packs work

STANDARDISED cigarette packaging may reduce the number of people who smoke, a Cochrane review has concluded, with the project mimicking Australia's approach since 2012 being adopted in the UK this month.

The rules require packs to be produced in a drab dark brown, with only minimal text including the manufacturer's brand name in size 14 font.

France implemented the policy on 1 Jan this year and several other countries are planning to follow.

Visit bmj.com for the abstract.

New MS option PBS

BIOGEN has announced that Zinbryta (daclizumab) is available on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) from today for the treatment of relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis

It is currently listed on the ARTG "for the treatment of relapsing forms of MS, to delay the progression of physical disability and to reduce the frequency of relapse."

Zinbryta is a once-monthly self-administered injection which works by stopping the body's immune system from damaging the brain and spinal cord, Biogen has said.

Kiss MyAsthma app

COINCIDING with World Asthma Day, Asthma Australia has launched its Australian-developed mobile application named *Kiss MyAsthma*.

The new tool will support young people to manage their asthma and improve their quality of life, Asthma Australia said, adding that this is the first asthma app to use a co-design model, with young people actively involved in deciding the app's content and design.

Asthma Australia funded a team of researchers, clinicians and app developers led by the University of Sydney to create the app to address the needs of young people, who also gave the app its decidedly memorable name.

Kiss MyAsthma users receive notifications from a cast of monster characters who provide friendly reminders and opportunities to adjust goals to keep them on track.

Interface and UX Specialist at the University of Sydney Dorian Peters said, "By working with users from the beginning we discovered that psychological impacts are an important part of the asthma experience, so the design takes this into account - from the features we included right down to the friendly characters, calming colours and imagery we used."

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Dispensary Corner

JAPANESE authorities have arrested a homeless man who they discovered living in the loft above a public toilet.

An electrician in the province of Usuki discovered the secret hideout while making repairs, with otherwise homeless Takashi Yamanouchi admitting living up there for about three years after gaining access by climbing on top of the toilet stalls and squeezing through a maintenance hatch.

Officers who attended the arrest said the space was "neat and tidy" with a gas stove and electric heater - along with a massive stash of about 500 plastic bottles which appeared to be filled with the squatter's urine.

Officials said they had subsequently undertaken a search of all other public toilets across the region, assuring the public they were all squatter-free.



A FARMER in NZ suffering from atrial fibrillation has caused a sensation by using an electric fence to jump-start his heart.

John Griffin was suffering an episode of AF but got fed up waiting at the local emergency department - so headed home and hooked himself up to the 8000 volt supply protecting his neighbour's paddocks.

The 69-year-old admitted it gave him a "decent belt" but got his heart beating regularly again.

Medical experts have warned against the DIY defibrillation, labelling it as "dangerous".

CHF urges safety net reform

THE Consumers Health Forum (CHF) has renewed its call on the government to reform the PBS safety net, "so consumers with high usage of PBS medicines have smoothed-out annual co-payments".

The message is part of CHF's budget submission, which also urges the government to withdraw the proposed one-off increase in co-payments and increases in PBS safety net thresholds announced in the 2014 Federal Budget.

The submission suggests "there is much Australia can do to improve our primary health care," with the current plans to implement Health Care Homes set to require the lifting of the Medicare freeze on GP and allied health payments "if they are to have any chance of success".

"We need more resources



and clearer Federal Government plans to stimulate better integrated care and more

support for consumers including those with complex chronic illness."

Other elements of the submission include a call for a new tax on sugary drinks which would fund a campaign to combat obesity.

Top-line initiatives urge the government to move away from the current budgetary requirement for all new health expenditures to be offset by savings within the health portfolio, as well as support for a program of action to ensure health consumers participate in shaping the policy and implementation of the health reform agenda.

See chf.org.au.

FDA AML approval

THE US Food and Drug Administration has approved Rydapt (midostaurin) from Novartis for the treatment of adults with newly diagnosed acute myeloid leukaemia (AML) with a specific genetic mutation called FLT3.

TGA committee plans

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has released its scheduling committees' meeting dates and decisions timeframes.

The schedules for the 2017/18 Advisory Committee on Medicines Scheduling and Advisory Committee on Chemicals Scheduling can be found by **CLICKING HERE**.

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Weekly Comment

Welcome to PD's weekly comment feature. This week's contributor is Narisha Ashelford, Certified Sleep Consultant and DU'IT Baby Skincare Expert.



Myth 1: Being super clean is the only way to prevent irritation

WE ALL know how important it is to ensure our children's skin is clean and healthy, but can we sometimes be 'too clean'? Excessive cleaning can strip away your baby's protective oils and natural flora in their skin and is often a culprit of sensitivity and irritation. This disruption to your baby's protective skin barrier can then lead to greater problems down the track. In fact, childcare experts are encouraging parents to bath babies no more than three times a week as until they start crawling, they don't get dirty enough to justify frequent full baths. However, washing their face, neck, hands and bottom should still be done carefully and gently every day.

So how can we protect our little ones from irritated, itchy skin? A baby's skin is five times thinner than an adult's and needs very gentle treatment. That's why it's important to use moisturiser with serum that contains organic oils and natural plant extracts to provide optimal relief for our newborns' and toddlers' skin.

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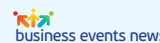
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