

## Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news plus a full page from Pharmacy 4 Less.

## New drug for MRSA

**PHASE 3** testing of novel once-daily treatment IV-to-oral omadacycline from Paratek Pharmaceuticals has revealed that it effectively and safely treats the most frequently isolated bacterial pathogens associated with skin infections, including methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), according to a report in *Dermatology Times*.

Omadacycline is the first in a new class of tetracyclines, known as aminomethylcyclines, with broad-spectrum activity against Gram-positive, Gram-negative and atypical bacteria.

## Palliative care resource launched

**WITH** new data showing that hospitalisations for palliative care are growing faster than all hospitalisations, according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), the Federal Aged Care Minister Ken Wyatt yesterday launched a new website containing evidence-based medical and practical information for people involved with end of life matters.

The site, named *palliAGED*, includes a video highlighting the crucial roles pharmacists can play featuring Neil Petrie, consultant pharmacist in Community/Aged Care - to view, [CLICK HERE](#).

## Kiwi condom friction rises

**THE** New Zealand Pharmacy Guild has proposed a radical change to the way government-subsidised condoms and Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) are distributed across the country, as a response to a government consultation about bulk delivery.

NZ pharmaceutical agency PHARMAC is proposing to award a distribution and logistics service agreement to EBOS offshoot Onelink, with the company then handling orders from eligible consumer groups for delivery to their registered locations.

PHARMAC said the move would reduce the administrative burden and costs for organisations such as the NZ Aids Foundation and the NZ Prostitute's Collective as well as NRT Authorised Providers.

For NRT the plan would simply see a change in the delivery company after Jul 2017, with PHARMAC saying the plan does not affect patients, prescribers, or

## Hunt editorial

**HEALTH** Minister Greg Hunt has provided an editorial for this week's Pharmacy Guild *Forefront*, reiterating his commitment to community pharmacy and detailing the recently concluded budget agreement with the Guild.

Hunt said a key element of the Long Term National Health Plan was to "to maximise the role of the community pharmacy sector in providing access to medicines and advice to improve the health of all Australians".



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community or hospital pharmacies.

However the NZ Guild has lodged a submission saying it believes the proposal encourages ordering stock in bulk, increasing costs through expired stock and wastage.

"We have further concerns that awarding a distribution and logistics service agreement with [Onelink] will not meet PHARMAC's goals of widening options for providing funded pharmaceuticals to patients," the NZ Guild said.

As an alternative, the Guild is suggesting an alternative supply model of the items through community pharmacy, allowing the organisations to request supplies on an as-needed basis rather than having to forecast their use and wait on stock distribution from main centres.

PHARMAC has already entered into a provisional deal with Onelink, with the consultation set to "help us decide if the agreement should be finalised".

If it is, the changes would become effective from 01 Jul 2017.

## New FIP meds plan

**THE** International Pharmaceutical Federation's (FIP) World Congress continued yesterday in Stockholm, Sweden with discussion on new drugs based on systems biology.

Deeper understanding of disease networks and genetics is leading to a "new era of medicines," with FIP set to now develop a formal position paper emphasising the importance of science and research in graduate pharmacy programs.

## PBS rejig hits renters

**THE** rate of change around the latest Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) reforms has outstripped the capacity of many pharmacies to absorb the impact or manage long term rental commitments premised on previous PBS pricing arrangements, according to an analysis by Allfin Financial Services.

Allfin md Mark Churchill said the unrealistic timeframes in which the reforms have been applied mean many pharmacists are caught in a difficult position.

"Their commitment to offer an integral service to their community (now for significantly less money) is being compromised by their responsibility to pay their landlords and their staff," he said, urging pharmacy owners to approach landlords now rather than wait until existing leases end.

## NHMRC certainty

**HEALTH** Minister Greg Hunt yesterday announced changes to National Health & Medical Research Council (NHMRC) funding arrangements, with the revamp aiming to reduce the burden on researchers in applying for funding across different schemes by providing "consolidated five year grants for our high performing researchers at all stages of their careers".

Hunt said the move would provide more opportunities for promising researchers early in their careers and also assist clinical researchers who split their time between research and patient care.

## PHARMACIES FOR SALE



**We have two well positioned pharmacies located in Sydney shopping centres available to purchase. The T/O estimate for 2017 is in excess of \$8M & \$6M. For a copy of the information memorandum please call Sean Roffey on 0408 882 111 or email [sean@pbspharmacybrokers.com.au](mailto:sean@pbspharmacybrokers.com.au)**



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### Jobs of the Week

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## Dispensary Corner

**IT SEEMS** Facebook is hampering, not helping the feelings of isolation experienced by new mums, as they try to craft the perfect baby photos online.

Professor Sarah Schoppe-Sullivan from Ohio State University in the USA created a survey about new parents' social networking activities and the external validation sought online.

The research, involving 721 mums, found they felt more isolated and less competent when they compared themselves to others on Facebook.

Big concerns included worrying about a mother-in-law not liking a photo and anxiety over likes and comments impacting self-esteem.

Having a hiatus from social media & meeting friends face-to-face for coffee were helpful suggestions for new mums.



## CHOCOLATE lovers rejoice!

Turns out a regular sweet fix could be doing you good as it contains antioxidant and antiplatelet properties and helps reduce the risk of developing heart problems.

Flavonoids - natural antioxidants found in cocoa - were shown to reduce inflammation and dark chocolate had an even greater protective effect.

A study tracked 55,000 people in Denmark for 13 years- both milk and dark choc eaters, and found they had a decreased overall risk of irregular heart rhythm.

## Women prefer pharmacy

**AUSTRALIAN** women have gravitated to pharmacies for their cosmetic purchases, despite the proliferation of international chains setting up store across the country and online, according to new data from Roy Morgan Research released this week.

Between 2006 and 2016, the overall proportion of Australian women buying cosmetics in an

average six months has remained fairly stable, said the report, barely shifting from 51.5% to 50.5% in the 10 year period.

However, there have been some noteworthy changes around where they purchase them, with pharmacies (19.1%, up from 15.1%) and, to a much lesser extent, supermarkets and department stores gaining popularity.

In contrast, fewer women are now buying cosmetics from discount department stores than they were

in 2006, the research revealed.

The big winner has been Priceline with around 840,000 Australian women choosing their last make-up purchase there, making it by far the most popular cosmetic pharmacy.

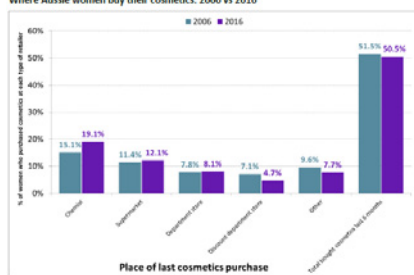
Of the supermarkets, Coles is the most popular for cosmetics, with nearly 600,000 Australian women making their last purchase there, just ahead of

Woolworths at 565,000.

Priceline's success is attributed to their digital development with their Instagram feed being heavily cosmetics-focused and their website offering a dedicated "Beauty School" section containing videos and step-by-step lessons.

Priceline's free personalised consultations with beauty advisors also fulfil what has proved to be an important niche in the market, a Roy Morgan spokesperson commented.

Where Aussie women buy their cosmetics: 2006 vs 2016



Source: Roy Morgan Single Source (Australia), January-December 2006 (n=14,339) and January-December 2016 (n=8,167). Base: Australian women 14+.

## Win with australis

This week Pharmacy Daily and Australis are giving away each day a Midas Touch Serum Primer.

Illuminate skin from within with the new Australis Midas Touch Serum Primer that will help you prep and prime skin to achieve a natural and healthy glow. With flecks of gold and a splash of honey, sweep this serum over your face to feel refreshed, hydrated and ready for the day. The water based formula is lightweight and ensures a natural look, and also contains Vitamin E and Gardenia Flora Extract to help soothe and brighten your skin tone. For more information head to [www.australiscosmetics.com.au](http://www.australiscosmetics.com.au).

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**16-18 Jun:** ConPharm 2017; Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart; find out more: [www.aacp.com.au](http://www.aacp.com.au)

**28-30 Jul:** PSA17; Hyatt Regency, Darling Harbour, Sydney; for details see: [www.psa17.com](http://www.psa17.com)

**5-9 Aug:** Medici Capital Pharmacy Snow Business Conference 2017; Mt. Buller, Victoria; register your interest here: [www.medici.com.au](http://www.medici.com.au)

**6-12 Aug:** Pharmeducation Pharmacotherapy Update; Cable Beach Club Resort, Broome; details here: [www.pharmeducationbroome.com](http://www.pharmeducationbroome.com)

**1-3 Sep:** Pharmacy Connect; Hilton Hotel Sydney; register here: [www.pharmacy-connect.com.au](http://www.pharmacy-connect.com.au)

**10-14 Sep:** 77th FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences 2017; Seoul, Republic of Korea; register here: [www.fip.org](http://www.fip.org)

**17-19 Oct:** World Self Medication Industry General Assembly 2017; ICC Sydney; registrations opening soon: [www.wsmiga2017.com](http://www.wsmiga2017.com)

**26-28 Oct:** Pharmacy Assistant National Conference; QT Gold Coast; for details see: [www.pharmacyassistants.com](http://www.pharmacyassistants.com)

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