

## Amcal kidney service

AMCAL is rolling out a range of Kidney Health services nationwide, including a pharmacist blood pressure check, assessment of lifestyle factors, and the provision of a KidneyCheck screening test.

The take-home test developed by Kidney Health Australia can detect protein in urine, one of the earliest signs of kidney disease.

## COPD PBS consultation

THE draft report on the post-market review of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) medicines has released, with the Health Department now seeking input from stakeholders.

With the large number of products now indicated for the treatment of COPD, there is a concern that multiple items may be used inappropriately.

Submission details: [pbs.gov.au](http://pbs.gov.au).

## Belkyra on ARTG

THE first clinically proven, non-surgical injectable treatment for improvement in the appearance of submental fullness (pictured), Belkyra (deoxycholic acid) has now been included on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG).



The new double-chin therapy breaks down fat cells under the chin offering individually tailored and contoured chin profile, manufacturer Allergan said.

## MedAdvisor iHealth deal

MEDADVISOR'S new agreement with US-based device manufacturer iHealth (**PD** breaking news yesterday) promises to "deliver a new revenue stream for MedAdvisor Network Pharmacies".

iHealth is a subsidiary of Chinese firm Andon Health, one of the

country's largest OEM health technology producers with operations in Paris, Hong Kong and Singapore as well as California.

iHealth devices include blood pressure monitors, pulse oximeters, blood glucose monitors and activity and sleep trackers, with the data collected set to be accessible via the MedAdvisor application.

MedAdvisor ceo Robert Read said the move would expand his company's offering to incorporate new services for testing and managing key health metrics such as weight, blood pressure and blood glucose levels.

Under the agreement with iHealth's local distributor Propell Pty Ltd, pharmacies will be able to order iHealth devices through the MedAdvisor App, providing an additional revenue stream, while patients will be able to use the integration to better monitor and manage their health.

iHealth spokesman Wade Shu said the partnership with MedAdvisor would help the company access "an extensive network of pharmacies and over 750,000 patients who would derive significant benefits from our solutions".

## SA pharmacy vax

SOUTH Australians will have greater access to vaccinations via pharmacists, with the SA Health Department expanding the range of vaccines they can administer.

Rather than having to make an appointment with a GP, people aged 16 and over will have the option to obtain vaccines for measles, mumps, rubella, whooping cough, diphtheria, tetanus, and polio from their local authorised pharmacist.

Since pharmacy vaccinations began in early 2015, more than 300 pharmacists across the state have completed the required training to be authorised to administer the influenza vaccine.

Training for pharmacists to administer the expanded range of vaccines will ensure they have the knowledge and skills to deliver the vaccine, as well as identify and treat any possible side effects.

The pharmacist will also need to work in a pharmacy approved by SA Health, with the expanded range of vaccines administered in pharmacy following the successful implementation of the pharmacist-administered flu vaccination program in early 2015.

## You will have ze jab!

THE German Government has announced hefty fines for parents who fail to vaccinate their children in the face of a measles epidemic spreading across Europe, reports the *Daily Mail*.

Under the new laws, kindergartens will be required to report parents with no evidence of vaccination, potentially resulting in fines up to €2,500 (~AU\$3,750) for ignoring the new rules.

The World Health Organisation has alerted European leaders of the disease's ubiquitous spread which is blamed largely on the discredited controversy around the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) link to autism.

"Continuing deaths from measles cannot leave anyone indifferent," Health Minister Hermann Gröhe told German tabloid *Bild*.

"That's why we are tightening up regulations on vaccination," he said. Soon, failure to provide a doctor's note proving vaccination could mean expulsion of the child from daycare centres in Germany.

Medical authorities at the Robert Koch Institute said the country had 410 measles cases by mid-Apr this year, compared with 325 for the whole of 2016.

## PHARMACIES FOR SALE



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## COPD: demonstrating devices, evaluating medicines

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## Dispensary Corner

**NO** kidding - the latest fitness craze sweeping the globe is 'Goat Yoga' and it could be coming to a studio near you.

The phenomenon was created by American farmer Lainey Morse, who found her goats helped her after being diagnosed with an autoimmune disease as well as becoming divorced.

Sound weird? Not according to animal behaviourist Roger Mugford who said goats help drop peoples' heart rates because they release the "cuddle chemical" oxytocin.

However participants are urged to wear old clothes, because the goats are prone to nibbling!



**MUMS**, it's *not* all in your head - apparently daughters do bring out the 'softer side' in dad.

A study published in the *Behavioural Neuroscience* journal looked at the way dads treated their sons and daughters.

In 52 daily dad interactions randomly recorded over 48 hours, fathers responded swiftly when their daughters were anxious but paid less attention to their sons.

Makeba Parramore Wilbourn, Assistant Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience at Duke University in Durham said, "cultural influences rather than biology probably underpin the way fathers behaved" and that girls are still more encouraged to express their emotions than boys.

## TGA ticks Oz sunscreens

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has laboratory tested 31 commonly used sunscreen products, including lotions, creams and aerosol sprays, sourced from pharmacies and supermarkets, and given the all-clear for every product evaluated.

Following a large number of reported concerns during the past Australian summer that sunscreens were failing to provide adequate sun protection, the TGA undertook the comprehensive assessment of products for their label-stated ingredients.

They were also tested for compliance with the Australian regulatory guidelines for sunscreens in terms of content of sun protection ingredients (90-120% of the labelled claim), finding all products compliant.

Also, following concerns raised through the use of aerosol spray products, the TGA said it undertook preliminary testing to investigate their delivery rates revealing the

amount of sunscreen delivered per second differed between brands.

Given this, it is important consumers follow the labelling instructions to 'apply liberally' to ensure proper coverage of the sunscreen, the TGA said.

With more than 24 million people in Australia there are many millions of applications of sunscreen each year and, given the widespread use, the rate of reported problems is relatively low.

Between 01 Jan and 31 Dec 2016 the TGA received a total of 27 reports of adverse reactions to sunscreens of which 15 were reports of allergic reactions, namely a rash, and 12 reports of a product not being effective.

The Cancer Council and medical colleges have emphasised the importance of applying sunscreens liberally and regularly, as these products are commonly under-applied, and frequently removed by sweating, washing or towelling off.

See items tested at [tga.gov.au](http://tga.gov.au).



## Win with Burnaid®

This week Pharmacy Daily and Burnaid® are giving away each day a prize pack including Gel Spray, Burn Kit, Burn Gel, 10x10 Dressing and magnet.

Burnaid® gel is a water based gel (hydrogel) that cools and soothes to help relieve the pain of minor burns. Made with Australian purified Melaleuca oil to provide antiseptic benefits. For the treatment of minor burns, scalds and sun burn. Next month is also



National Burns Awareness Month, an initiative of Julian Burton Burns Trust in partnership with Burnaid®. Started last year and continuing this year, it aims to provide awareness around the correct

first aid treatment for minor burns. **CLICK HERE** to learn more.

To win, be the first person from QLD to send the correct answer to the question to [comp@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:comp@pharmacydaily.com.au)

What is Burnaid® used to treat?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Katrina O'Brien from Good Price Pharmacy Warehouse - Shellharbour.

## PSA partners PSNZ

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) has announced the enrolment of its first New Zealand pharmacist in its Diploma of Leadership and Management.

The move follows collaboration between the PSA and the Pharmaceutical Society of NZ to introduce PSA's formal qualifications to NZ pharmacists.

## Guild Update

### Saluting the contribution of carers

THE Pharmacy Guild is proud to be supporting the 7th International Carers Conference through sponsorship of the event's Gala Dinner.

Carers Australia is hosting the conference in Adelaide at the Adelaide Convention Centre from 4-6 October 2017 and registrations are now open.

The conference aims to re-imagine caring into the future, providing a catalyst for innovation and collaboration; sharing improvements in the way support is given for unpaid carers, care-recipients, their families, networks and communities.

Carers are high users of community pharmacy services in their own right, especially primary carers.

Community pharmacy services to support carers include respite services, counselling, peer support, and carer training opportunities.

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