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Cannabis studies lacking

ALTHOUGH cannabis contains more than 60 pharmacologically active cannabinoids, the usual pharmacokinetic pharmacodynamic bioavailability and toxicology studies are lacking, the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) says.

Presented to stakeholders in Adelaide and Brisbane and now posted for all to see on the TGA website, there is reference also to variable qualities of Good Manufacturing Process (GMP) and a lack of standards for extracts and dosage, the TGA said.

The Australian Advisory Council on the Medicinal Use of Cannabis and clinical review of evidence was established last year and chaired by Professor Jim Angus, noted University of Melbourne academic, medical educator and scientific researcher.

The Council has undertaken analyses of critical reviews of



evidence and reviewed existing clinical guidelines, will continue to examine systematic reviews and will draft a consultation paper on clinical guidance later this year.

The two main areas that have emerged as potentially benefiting from medicinal cannabis are initially in epilepsy for seizure control and palliative care and cancer for pain management.

While results are mixed, significant improvements in pain and seizure control are summarised in the document, but effects on nausea and vomiting are less convincing.

See the full slide set at tga.gov.au.

Pharmacy AMS prime

PHARMACIST expertise must be fully utilised to ensure appropriate use of antibiotics and improve antimicrobial stewardship (AMS), The Royal Pharmaceutical Society argues.

The pharmacy contribution to antimicrobial stewardship document focuses on the pharmacist's role as part of a multidisciplinary approach in tackling the challenges of inappropriate use of antibiotics.

The recommendations in the document have been produced in order to contribute to wider efforts to meet the goal set by the UK Government in 2016 of reducing inappropriate antibiotic prescribing by 50% by 2020.

See more at rpharmas.com.

VTE standards consult

IN COLLABORATION with consumers, clinicians, researchers and health organisations, the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care has developed a draft Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Prevention Clinical Care Standard.

Development of a VTE Prevention Clinical Care Standard was proposed by state and territory health departments given that VTE prevention has been identified as an ongoing safety and quality issue in Australian hospitals.

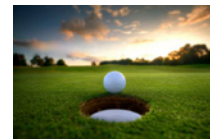
Consultation on the draft Standard closes 30 Sep.

CLICK HERE for more information around the draft Standard, the consultation and an online survey submission option.

Charity golf day

THE Victorian Chemist Golf Club is conducting its inaugural Charity Day to raise funds for the Melba Support Services supporting "individuals with a disability leading everyday lives".

Handicappers and hackers are all welcome on the day, 16 Oct, organisers say, with a total cost per player for snack lunch, golf and dinner at \$150, but bookings are essential.



Sponsors are also being sought at \$1,000 each with

the sponsor's signage prominently displayed on the hole and in the clubhouse at the dinner.

Visit vcgc.com.au for details.

Ramsay looking solid

RAMSAY Healthcare has posted via the ASX its full year results to the end of Jun 30 with a solid set of figures both in Australia and in its overseas businesses (**PD** Breaking News yesterday).

In Australia, a key strategy has been the development of its community pharmacy franchise, flagged in Aug last year (**PD** 31 Aug 16) and already growing to a total of 55 pharmacies once current contracts mature (**PD** 30 Aug 17).

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Henfrey appointed MD

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BLACKMORES has announced that following on from the recent announcement of the appointment of Richard Henfrey as Blackmores ceo (PD 18 Aug 2017), the board has now appointed him to fulfil the role of managing director as well, effective 30 Sep.

Win with NS-8 Natural Footcare

This week Pharmacy Daily and NS-8 Natural Footcare are giving away NS-8 Heel Balm, NS-8 Leg Care Cream and NS-8 Sports Socks.

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Spring is here and it's time to make sure your feet and legs are ready - soft and smooth. NS-8 Natural Footcare is based on natural active ingredients rather than petrochemicals to deliver superior results. NS-8 Heel Balm is not greasy, so you don't need socks, and natural exfoliants gradually remove dry, thickened skin, so you don't need foot files. NS-8 Leg Care Cream refreshes and moisturises hot, tired legs, softening and smoothing dry skin. Australian owned and made.

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Is NS-8 suitable for people with diabetes?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Tina Scrine from the Pharmacy Guild of Australia.

Pharmacists self care focus

THE importance of the full involvement of pharmacists in self care should be promoted by governments and insurers, the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) has said in its Statement of Policy "Pharmacy: Gateway to care".

The point was being made in a presentation during the 77th World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Seoul, South Korea.

The FIP calls for pharmacists to be fully incorporated into health systems both for the prevention and management of illness, and for them to be properly remunerated for delivery of their self-care services.

The new statement also makes a number of other recommendations for pharmacy organisations and pharmacists.

It argues that pharmacy

organisations should ensure that rural communities have access to pharmacies, and that pharmacists should develop and adopt standard operating procedures for quality management of self-care services, such as proper documentation of medicines reconciliation, adherence support and medication management.

The statement follows the release in Mar 2017 of a 68-page report by FIP entitled "Pharmacy as a gateway to care: Helping people towards better health".

The full FIP Statement of Policy "Pharmacy: Gateway to care" can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#).



Hodgkin's approval

MSD has announced its anti-PD-1 immunotherapy cancer treatment Keytruda (pembrolizumab) has been approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) for the treatment of adults with relapsed or refractory classical Hodgkin Lymphoma (CHL).

Haematologists have welcomed the new use for Keytruda, noting that 13% of patients with this form of lymphoma die within five years of diagnosis.

"Immunotherapy with Keytruda represents a turning point in how we treat patients with cHL who have exhausted other treatment options," said Prof Mark Hertzberg, Head of Department of Clinical Haematology, Prince of Wales Hospital in Sydney.

"Pembrolizumab has been shown to provide deep and prolonged remissions in patients with cHL who have failed standard therapies," Hertzberg said.

Fake ED sales halted

TWO recent raids by the UK Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) have resulted in convictions in two separate cases of illegal importation and sale of unlicensed erectile dysfunction (ED) medicines.

David Antley, of Dovecot, Liverpool, was sentenced last week at Liverpool Crown Court, found with more than 13,900 doses of unlicensed ED medicines worth more than £40,000, while Gurinder Bharaj, of Southall, West London, had more than 100,000 individual doses of unlicensed erectile dysfunction medicines worth more than £30,000.

Both pleaded guilty and face 20 weeks imprisonment.

MedAdvisor to US/UK

AUSTRALIAN-LISTED medicine management software company MedAdvisor is spreading its wings to reach into the UK and US market with the appointment of two new regional directors for those areas, advancing their global expansion strategy.

Leading the UK strategy will be Jamal Butt, former head of pharmacy with Walgreens Boots Alliance, Boots UK, the UK's largest retail pharmacy group and Celesio UK, the owner of Lloyds Pharmacy and the second largest pharmacy operators in Europe.

The US strategy will be lead by Keith Kiarsis, former senior executive at Adheris Health, the US' largest provider of tailored, direct-to-patient medication adherence programs.

MedAdvisor ceo Robert Read said, "Expansion beyond the Australian market is a key part of our growth strategy and we are pleased to have attracted such high calibre industry players, and are excited to move forward and establish our go-to-market strategy into the UK and US markets."

Menveo vax approved

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has approved the marketing of GSK's Menveo (meningococcal ACWY oligosaccharide conjugate vaccine) for use in babies from two months old.

This vaccine provides protection against strains A, C, W and Y.

The B, W and Y strains cause most meningococcal cases in Australia.

In 2017, the B strain remains the most prevalent in babies, however an emergence of the W strain has created an increased need for a vaccine to help protect infants against this strain.

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Dispensary Corner

DON'T leave that camera unattended in the Indonesian jungle!

Photographer David Slater actually did, intentionally he claims, defending his rights to the pictures taken by the imitating monkeys in their own habitat.

One monkey named Naruto (pictured) did such a good job with his selfie that the result went viral and generated significant income for the photographer.



However, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) sued for rights to the photography on behalf of Naruto, but it was thrown out of court when it was ruled that animals have no copyright rights.

GOOD news for those that love a good fast food meal!

Researchers from Boston University are reporting that the fat found in fast food can help protect against the deadliest form of skin cancer.

Experts found that palmitic acid, which is in products such as burgers and cookies, fuels a protein that can protect against skin cancer mutations.

While fast food can have harmful effects on the heart and brain, it could prevent melanoma, a deadly skin cancer.

Melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, accounts for 12% of new cancers diagnosed in Australia and will affect about 14,000 Australians this year.

Health, Beauty and New Products

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Cancer Council has launched a zinc-based sunscreen to help protect those with sensitive skin from the dangers of harsh UV rays. With 22% zinc oxide, the lotion reflects UV rays while also being easy to rub-in, leaving an invisible finish on the skin. Cancer Council Sensitive Invisible SPF 30 Sunscreen is dermatologically tested and the formula is fragrance and paraben free, containing aloe vera, vitamin E and calendula to moisturise the skin. Sales from all Cancer Council products help fund cancer research and services, 96% of which are community funded.

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Conceiveplease Fertility Kit

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