



Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news plus a full page from Corum Health Services.

Masterclass wrap-up



MORE than 400 pharmacists and pharmacy professionals from across the TerryWhite Chemmart network met for the fourth annual three-day Masterclass event in Melbourne this week, which included a presentation by Federal Health Minister Greg Hunt (PD Wed).

One of the highlights of the event was an in-depth discussion on ways pharmacists can improve care for people who suffer from chronic pain, TerryWhite Chemmart CEO Anthony White said.

"With one in five Australians living with chronic pain, it's important that we continue to look at ways we can improve their quality of life.

"We know that patients who actively engage in self-management techniques report lower levels of pain-related disability as well as improvements in mood, better general health and a reduced use of medicines," White noted.

He said the Masterclass provided the opportunity for "an incredibly insightful discussion around current pain management strategies and look for ways that we as pharmacists can provide better support for our customers."

The event also included a dermatology session presented by Dr Ryan DeCruz.

Amcal diabetes risk scan

AMCAL is offering its customers a health assessment with a focus on diabetes with its "personalised Diabetes Management Review"



following the release of a new diabetes report from the company.

The Sigma brand says Amcal pharmacists are trained experts in diabetes healthcare and the review will include a finger-prick blood test (HbA1c), an evaluation of heart health, kidney health, weight

management, sleep, foot care and eye care. The Amcal diabetes report revealed that around a third of those with diabetes have

faced some form of prejudice at work ranging from being judged for taking sick leave and excluded from social gatherings to being passed over for a promotion, while more than a quarter (28%) say they regularly encounter judgment from family and friends.

Depression, loneliness and social isolation is experienced by 32% with more than a quarter (27%) of Australians surveyed believing diabetes to be a self-inflicted disease and a burden on the health system.

The Amcal program aims to provide guidance around lifestyle changes that can support those at risk including changes to diet, regular exercise, and closely monitoring blood glucose levels.

A 15-second video titled "This little prick could save your life" supports the program - [CLICK HERE](#).

OTC prescriptions

WITH almost one third of GP and hospital emergency department visits prompted by minor health concerns such as coughs, colds, headaches and stomach upsets, a new report from the Proprietary Association of Great Britain (PAGB) says pharmacists should be writing a "recommendation prescription" for OTC products along with providing self-care advice.

The report says that there are an estimated 57 million GP consultations and 3.7 million A&E visits for self-treatable conditions which cost the British health system £2.3 billion per annum.

PAGB chief executive John Smith said people should first seek advice from their pharmacist who is a "highly trained healthcare professional who can provide advice about self care and self-treatable conditions, and can identify when symptoms need to be assessed by a doctor".

Visit pagb.co.uk for the report.

Sandoz to fight opioid abuse

NOVARTIS generic arm Sandoz has signed an agreement with Pear Therapeutics to develop and commercialise prescription "digital therapeutics" for patients with substance use disorder and opioid use disorders.

The deal involves software called reSET, and has been approved by the US FDA - peartherapeutics.com.

Corum campaign

CORUM Group is today showcasing its comprehensive range of pharmacy software solutions, 25 years of experience and national office network - for details see [page three](#).

TGA at PSA18

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has posted a list of 13 conferences at which it will be represented and/or presenting during the remainder of this year, including the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia's flagship event PSA18 on 27 to 29 Jul in Sydney.

Other events include the National Directors of Pharmacy Forum and the National Medicines Symposium (NMS) - see the full list at tga.gov.au.

Immune system focus

THE 6th BioCeuticals Research Symposium set for 27-29 Apr 2018 in Melbourne will focus on strategies for managing immune-mediated dysfunction.

Recent epidemiological data provides evidence of a steady rise in immune-mediated health conditions throughout the industrialised world, the company said, with the symposium aiming to reach up to 500 delegates who will hear from world-leading researchers and clinicians in the fields of immunology, neurology, endocrinology, integrative paediatrics and nutritional medicine.

BioCeuticals is seeking CPE and CPD accreditation for the event. [CLICK HERE](#) for more.

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Dispensary Corner

WHEN it comes to consumables for emergency surgery, Bunnings isn't usually the first thing that comes to mind.

But vets in San Diego in the USA headed straight to their local hardware store this week when they had to help out a wayward tortoise which had cracked its shell after falling off a wall.

The ingenious repair, which took about three hours, involved screws, zip ties and some sticky denture paste.

Apparently the 45kg African spurred tortoise was found on the ground next to the wall after escaping from a dog, with its shell cracked into three pieces.

A spokesperson for the San Diego County Animal Service said the shell will take about 12 months to heal, but the 40-year-old tortoise (**below**) is likely to live for many more decades.



THEY'RE just going to have to keep trying.

A US family this week welcomed the birth of their 14th child - and they are all boys.

The fact that they now almost have a full rugby team isn't much consolation to Katelyn and Jay Schwandt, who were sneakily hoping for a girl this time, but given their track record over the last 20 years they "didn't think it would be in the cards".

Pharmacist loses defamation case

THE Federal Court of Australia has ruled against a WA pharmacist who claimed he was defamed by conditions being imposed on his registration and subsequent publication by the Pharmacy Board of Australia & the Australian Health Practitioner Regulatory Agency.

The case related to a 2011 audit of his pharmacy by the WA Department of Health, which resulted in a range of allegations related to record keeping and storage of S8 medicines.

He pleaded not guilty to charges in 2013, but lost the case with

penalties of over \$12,000 imposed.

A subsequent AHPRA investigation saw conditions imposed on his registration, including one which stated he was "prohibited from taking or self-administering Schedule 8 drugs save for those legally prescribed for him".

The pharmacist said the wording and publication by the Pharmacy Board of this condition was "particularly provocative and insensitive", and commenced proceedings in 2014 against the Board and AHPRA seeking removal of the conditions along with damages for "defamation" and "injurious falsehood".

In 2015 the Board voluntarily removed the offending condition and it was removed from the AHPRA website, however the proceedings continued with a final judgement delivered this week.

The judge found that while AHPRA and the Pharmacy Board accepted that the pharmacist had never self-administered or in any other way abused S8 drugs, they were able to publish the condition on the basis of "absolute privilege" because the proceedings against the pharmacist were "quasi-judicial".

FDA compounding

THE US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has announced it will be advancing "a new effort to help more compounding pharmacies expand and grow their businesses".

The plan will include programs to modernise generic drug review as a way to increase competition and address high drug costs as well as new approaches to support the development of treatments for rare paediatric diseases.

See fda.gov for the full speech.

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P&G Merck buy

PROCTER & Gamble has announced an agreement to buy the consumer health business of Merck for £3.4 billion.

The deal includes more than 900 products which are sold in 44 countries, including Neruobion, Femibon, Nasivin and many more.

Events Calendar

WELCOME to **Pharmacy Daily's** events calendar, opportunities to earn CPE and CPD points.

If you have an upcoming event you'd like us to feature, email info@pharmacydaily.com.au.

28-29 Apr: Victorian Pharmacy Conference 2018; Parkville, Victoria; find out more here: www.psa.org.au

3-6 May: APP 2018; Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre; find out more and register at: www.appconference.com

27 May-8 Jun: 43rd PSA Offshore Refresher Conference; San Francisco; travel information and registrations at: www.psa.org.au

30 May - 1 Jun: National Medicines Symposium (NMS) 2018; National Convention Centre, Canberra; registrations now open: www.nps.org.au

15 - 17 Jun: ConPharm 2018; Sofitel Brisbane Central Hotel; for details and to register see: www.aacp.com.au

27 - 29 Jul: PSA18; The Hyatt Regency Sydney; early bird registrations now open: go to www.psa18.com

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