

## Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news including our regular Health & Beauty feature.

## New cystic fibrosis PBS

**ASX-LISTED** pharmaceutical research company Pharmaxis has announced its drug Bronchitol (mannitol) has now been funded in an indication extension on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), expanding cystic fibrosis (CF) patients' access to a portable treatment to help clear their lungs.

Effective from 01 Jan, eligible people with cystic fibrosis who are taking Pulmozyme (dornase alfa), another CF medication, will be able to add reimbursed Bronchitol to their treatment regime.

CF is a genetic condition affecting one in every 2,500 babies, with Bronchitol indicated for appropriate CF patients over six years of age.

## WIN WITH INNOXA

Each day this week Pharmacy Daily and INNOXA are giving away a Flawless Face pack.

INNOXA Cosmetics introduces its latest colour cosmetics range for customers to achieve a stunning flawless face every time they step out the door. Created with subtle golden bronze, pink and coral inspired tones, the range is finely milled so it doesn't sit in fine lines and wrinkles. Consisting of four eyeshadow quads, three blushes and a bronzer, all skin tones are covered to create the polished look. **CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE** for more info.

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

How many eyeshadows are in the range?

Check here tomorrow for today's winner. Juliana Kobryn is yesterday's winner.



## TGA codeine stock guidance

**THE** Therapeutic Goods Administration yesterday issued new guidance on the phase-out of OTC codeine products once they become prescription-only on 01 Feb, including clarification that reclassified items can continue to be sold as long as they are stored in pharmacy dispensaries.

The TGA website details the update for pharmaceutical wholesalers and retail pharmacies, following agreement by all states and territories.

Community pharmacies may still supply products containing codeine that were originally S2 or S3 that from 01 Feb are classified S4 prescription, but only under very strict conditions.

The products may be dispensed for up to nine months or until the end of shelf life, whichever comes first, after 01 Feb, provided the stock is stored in the dispensary only, there is a valid prescription, the stock is labelled with a

dispensing label and any specific state or territory requirements are adhered to.

This applies even if the product has been cancelled, but for wholesalers, while they can supply remaining stock of non-ARTG-cancelled S2 and S3 products containing codeine to retailers with current packaging for up to nine months after Jan, they may not supply any ARTG-cancelled products from 01 Feb.

Go to [tga.gov.au](http://tga.gov.au) for details.

## Ulcer device tick

**THE** US Food and Drug Administration has approved the marketing of the "Dermapace System," an innovative shock-wave based device for the treatment of diabetic foot ulcers.

Dermapace uses pulses of energy, similar to sound waves, to mechanically stimulate the wound.

A study showed patients treated using the Dermapace System showed an increase in wound healing at 24 weeks, with a 44% wound closure rate - see [fda.gov](http://fda.gov).

## Alzheimer's hope

**POTENTIALLY** available within two to three years, established diabetes drugs Byetta (exenatide), Bydureon (exenatide extended release) from AstraZeneca and Victoza (liraglutide) by Novo Nordisk are looking like the new hope for Alzheimer's disease (AD) patients, according to new work published in *Brain Research*.

## FIP 2018 priorities

**PHARMACIST** immunisations will be a key focus for the International Pharmaceutical Federation in 2018, with other priorities for the organisation including responsible use of medicines, non-communicable diseases, patient safety and the supply chain.

The strategy follows a "hugely productive" 2017 which included two successful world congresses, the adoption of policy statements on self care, disaster management, antimicrobial resistance and medicines information, plus the release of seven "profession-enhancing" reports - [fip.org](http://fip.org).

## CM approval update

**THE** Therapeutic Goods Administration has updated the list of registered complementary medicines on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods that have been evaluated for safety, quality and efficacy.

These include products such as iron tablets, folic acid, phosphate, glucosamine, calcium and more.

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

## US real-time tracking

**THE** Iowa Pharmacy Board in the USA has filed a new proposal to help identify patients who might be abusing prescription painkillers.

Currently pharmacists in the state have to submit information to the Iowa Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) when they dispense opioids, with the enhancement set to also require prescribers to be part of the program.

Changes to the PMP are proposed to be implemented by early Apr.

## Insulin pen warning

**THE** US-based Institute for Safe Medication Practices is alerting pharmacists about safety risks associated with improper use of insulin pen needles.

The warning follows reports of patients and caregivers failing to remove the inner cover of standard insulin pen needles before administering insulin.

## Vit D, Ca++ challenge

**NEW** research out of China involving 51,145 participants has debunked the value of calcium, vitamin D, or combined calcium and vitamin D supplementation to help manage osteoporotic fracture incidence in community-dwelling older adults.

The meta-analysis of 33 randomised clinical trials showed that the use of these supplements was not associated a significant difference in the risk of hip fractures compared with placebo or no treatment.

**CLICK HERE** for the study.

Pharmacists know the value of 6CPA medication adherence and medication management services.

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## Dispensary Corner

IT IS often said that when twins are born, one baby is slightly more mature than the other.

One twin recently born in California will have major bragging rights in that regard because he was born a year before his twin sister - technically.

Joaquin Jr. Ontiveros was the last baby born in 2017, entering the world at 11:58pm, while his sister Aitana de Jesus Ontiveros arrived 15 minutes later.

No doubt it will be a tough life for the younger sister who has already been earmarked for her brother's hand-me-downs.



HAVE you ever wondered what happens to the bullet when the cowboys fire their guns in the air in the movies? An unlucky family in North Carolina found out the hard way that the practice can be bad for your health, when a bullet came piercing through their roof on New Years Eve.

Thankfully nobody was hurt but the family was understandably shocked by the incident.

The suspicion is a NYE reveller took their celebrations too far by unloading rounds into the air when the clock struck midnight.

The family says their new year's resolution will be to wear a helmet in bed from now on.

## Health, Beauty and New Products

Welcome to our weekly promoted feature with all the latest health, beauty and new products for pharmacy. Suppliers wanting to promote products in this feature should email [newproducts@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:newproducts@pharmacydaily.com.au)

### Casual Matt Texture Dry Shampoo

TONI&GUY brings **Casual Matt Texture Dry Shampoo** to market for session stylists and home users alike. It absorbs oil and grease and adds volume for second day freshness. Often playing the role of a backstage secret weapon, TONI&GUY Dry Shampoo adds body, volume and texture while the advanced formula leaves no white residue. This product is also designed to work in tandem with TONI&GUY Sea Salt Texturising Spray to create texture and body with a light hold, suitable for all hair types and perfect to achieve that lived-in beach look.



**Stockist:** 1800 888 449  
**RRP:** \$15.99 for 250 mL  
**Website:** [www.toniandguy-products.com.au](http://www.toniandguy-products.com.au)

### Colour Protection Hair Care by A'kin



New to the A'kin range are **Colour Protection Shampoo & Conditioner**, their appearance coinciding with the release of a revamped packaging look, following the example of A'kin's recently refreshed skincare range. The new subtle woodgrain background with verdant leaves echoes the natural goodness in each product. A'kin Colour Protection Shampoo & Conditioner is enriched with ylang ylang Abyssinian oil & quinoa extract to help seal in colour, reduce fade, repair damage from colouring and boost shine.

**Stockist:** 1800 651 146  
**RRP:** \$14.95 each for 225mL, \$26.95 each for 500mL  
**Website:** [www.akin.com.au](http://www.akin.com.au)

### Le Parfum by Carven Parfums

Carven **Le Parfum** is a fragrance with a simple, fresh and captivating scent. It opens with notes of mandarin blossom and white hyacinth; heart notes of sweet pea, jasmine and ylang ylang; and base notes of white sandalwood, osmanthus and Indonesian patchouli. Subtle enough for daily use but distinguishing enough to carry the most elegant situation, Le Parfum presents as a delicate peach-coloured bottle in two sizes: 50mL for travel and 100mL for the handbag.



**Stockist:** Major wholesalers  
**RRP:** \$99.00 and \$139.00  
**Website:** [www.carven-parfums.com](http://www.carven-parfums.com)

### Antioxidant Night Restoring Cream



Blessed by Nature **Antioxidant Night Restoring Cream** is a specialised night cream that will target the signs of ageing during sleep. Nightly use of these potent natural antioxidants can help to reduce the signs of fine lines and wrinkles, protect and enhance skin tone and enhance the skin's overall appearance. Rose, patchouli and jojoba oils are combined with vitamins A, C and E to promote healthy, glowing and younger-looking skin. Blessed by Nature

Antioxidant Night Restoring Cream is suitable for all skin types.  
**Stockist:** Major wholesalers  
**RRP:** \$14.95  
**Website:** [www.blessedbynature.com.au](http://www.blessedbynature.com.au)