



Dispensary Corner

YOU name it - a human somewhere on this planet has ingested it, according to the *BMJ Case Reports*, based on a whopping 15,000 submissions.

One person had swallowed a toy a decade before it was discovered lodged in an organ, while another found out via colonoscopy that her diagnosed Crohn's Disease was due to two pieces of plastic bearing the word 'Heinz' (pictured)

stuck in her caecum - Crohn's means Heinz?



Another woman, with a sparkle in her eye, instead of having confirmation of a herpes diagnosis (hardly enviable), actually did have a piece of glitter from a Christmas card lighting up her life.

The wild and wacky, bizarre and unbelievable, both dangerous and innocuous - nothing has been off limits for our appetite.

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USE it or lose it applies to many organs of the body, including vocal cords, apparently.

A Chinese murder suspect identified by his surname Zeng, has been charged with murdering his wife's uncle, identified as Mr Chai, in 2005, after a dispute over a 500 yuan (\$98) rent payment.

A change of identity and pretending even to his new employer and wife that he was mute, led to him losing his voice through atrophy - he is quoted as writing, "The less I say, the less chance I'll make a mistake."

Hunt opens cannabis export

AUSTRALIA has the potential to be a forerunner in the global medicinal cannabis sector, with Federal Health Minister Greg Hunt yesterday confirming new regulations to allow the export of medical marijuana.

Hunt said the move would support the fledgling domestic medical cannabis sector, allowing it to scale operations and compete with overseas manufacturers on a level playing field.

However Australian patients are still the priority, with a condition of any licence authorising export being that medicinal cannabis products be made available to Australians first.

The move saw a significant increase in the share price of several locally listed medicinal cannabis suppliers, including Cann Group which is currently the only commercial player in Australia cultivating medicinal cannabis.

Cann ceo Peter Crock told *Pharmacy Daily* allowing exports would enable the company to significantly ramp up operations.

A recent \$78 million capital raising will see investment in new cultivation facilities, he said, seeing Cann "set up on a global scale".

However he stressed the importance of simplifying patient access to medicinal cannabis within Australia, with current disparate regulations in each state and territory making the landscape difficult for patients and doctors.

"Harmonisation across the states is vital," he said.

Minister Hunt said the government was continuing to make it easier for doctors to access medicinal products more rapidly, "while maintaining strict safeguards for individual and community safety.

"We want a robust Australian medicinal cannabis industry so that doctors have safe, quality domestic products that they can confidently prescribe to their patients," he said.

BBC pharmacy exposé

THE BBC is set to broadcast an investigation into pharmacist workloads at Boots, the UK's largest community pharmacy group.

The probe will look at whether pressure on pharmacists is endangering patient safety, featuring an interview with a former Boots manager who raised concerns about staffing levels prior to his resignation in 2015.

Codeine resource hub

FIRST launched Sep last year (*PD* 12 Sep 17), the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) Codeine Information Hub has again been updated, this time to include new education resources for emergency department health professionals.

The section for pharmacists and pharmacy assistants remains unchanged but some of the resources for ED professionals are also relevant, highlighting the roles of ibuprofen and paracetamol for the treatment of chronic pain in the emergency department.

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