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Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news including our regular **Health & Beauty** feature plus a full page from **Pharmacy Connect**.

Ice-addicted trial

CALLED the N-ICE Trial, Australian researchers are investigating if N-Acetyl Cysteine, or NAC, can reduce cravings for ice (crystal methamphetamine) and help people stop using the substance, the Curtin University National Drug Research Institute (NDRI) has announced.

The N-ICE Trial is being conducted at frontline clinical services in Wollongong, Geelong and Melbourne.

Lead researcher and NDRI Associate Professor Rebecca McKetin said previous studies showed NAC could reduce cravings for methamphetamine and other substances including cocaine, cannabis and tobacco.

Further information about participation in the trial can be found at nicetrial.info.

Melanoma blood test

SCIENTISTS from Edith Cowan University (ECU) have developed a blood test capable of detecting melanoma in its early stages, an innovation which may save thousands of lives, and the health system millions of dollars.

Early detection can improve survival rates to 95% - the next step is a clinical trial to validate the findings, authors said - **CLICK HERE**.

Drug-driving crackdown

NSW roads minister Melinda Pavey has confirmed the launch of an awareness campaign for pharmacists, GPs and consumers about the risks of driving while on prescription medication.

She announced the move along with other road safety measures which will also mean patients treated with methadone will have to pass a "fitness-to-drive" assessment when they start treatment or if their dose changes.

Pavey said the definition of "drug" in the state's Road Transport Act

was being expanded to include legal prescription medications as well as emerging illicit drugs.

"The law is still there - driving under the influence of a drug can mean illicit or prescribed - but this gives us capacity to name new drugs coming in," she said.

"Any mind or brain altering substance, whether it be alcohol, illicit drugs, or pharmaceutical drugs - they can all have an impact on your ability to drive safely."

NSW chief health officer, Dr Kerry Chant, said health professionals must educate patients on the risk of driving while taking medication.

"We want to strengthen the information provided to patients on the risks of prescription medication and how that might interact with things, particularly alcohol."

Chant also stressed that patients who were stable on opioid treatments such as methadone were safe drivers.

Flu supplies shipped

SEQIRUS has announced the manufacture of an additional 500,000 doses of adult influenza vaccine, Afluria Quad (inactivated quadrivalent influenza vaccine, split virion) for the National Immunisation Program (NIP) ahead of schedule, with the first of the vaccines to be released this week.

Seqirus was asked to go back into production by the government due to an increase in demand for vaccine on the back of a severe influenza season last year.

In addition, Seqirus also made the decision to manufacture 200,000 extra doses for the private market.

Commercial Operations vice president Dr Lorna Meldrum said, "Our team has been working around the clock, seven days a week to produce an additional 700,000 doses for Australia".

Supply from the Parkville, Victoria site will continue to be released over the coming weeks, she added.

Emerge funding

CHRONIC fatigue syndrome (CFS) organisation **EMERGE** Australia has received \$370,000 in government funding to support its work in providing support, information and advocacy for people with myalgic encephalomyelitis and CFS.

Programs funded include an information line, a survey and an international research symposium to be held in Australia.

733 SHPA abstracts!

THE Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) has received a record total of 733 abstracts submitted for its upcoming Medicines Management 2018 conference, after a late surge in submissions last week.

That was more than 15% higher than the previous record set in 2015, with SHPA said it shows "an unprecedented level of enthusiasm from Australian hospital pharmacists and technicians to showcase their innovation".

MM2018 takes place this Nov in Brisbane, with a three-day program of presentations and posters along with several lead-in workshops.

"Delegates have a unique opportunity to gain a professional edge in advanced leadership or in research, or to accelerate specialty development," she said.

Earlybird registration closes 21 Sep - for more info **CLICK HERE**.

Mundipharma \$60k

MUNDIPHARMA has awarded \$60,000 to Dr Kate Mahon, a medical oncologist at Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, to support her research into prostate cancer.

It's the fifth annual Clinical Research Fellowship to be awarded in partnership with the Australian and NZ Urogenital and Prostate Cancer Trials Group (ANZUP).

The Fellowship was previously awarded by Tolmar Australia, which Mundipharma acquired in Feb.

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Congratulations **BRUCE MARSHALL**

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To win, be the first from WA to send the correct answer to the question to comp@pharmacydaily.com.au.

Who is the face of Blessed by Nature?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Kaye Hazel from Angel Medicine.



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Dispensary Corner

PEOPLE are just dying to get into the cemetery in the peaceful German hamlet of Berchtesgaden - so much so that officials are holding a lottery for vacant plots.

The town in the Bavarian Alps has for many years been turning down applicants seeking to rest in peace in the 17th-century graveyard due to a lack of space, reports the *BBC*.

However they have now created 200 new plots, and will conduct a random draw today to give everyone an equal chance.

The report says so far about 280 people have applied for one of the coveted final resting places.



THEY gave it a good try, but it was always going to be a long shot.

An attempt by the so-called First Church of Cannabis in Indiana, USA to get the state to recognise a religious exemption to marijuana laws has gone up in smoke.

Last week a judge ruled that members of the church could not smoke marijuana as a religious sacrament, in the culmination of a case that has been running for more than three years.

The ruling said making an exemption would make it difficult to enforce drug laws, because "officers are not trained or equipped to determine the sincerity of an individual's religious beliefs".

The church's founder said he would appeal to a higher court.

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

Little Bodies Eczema Wash & Shampoo

Little Bodies **Eczema Wash & Shampoo** is a soap-free alternative to harsh shampoos and soaps. Its two in one formula cleanses the skin while helping to provide relief from minor skin irritations. Little Bodies Eczema Wash & Shampoo is sulphate-free and pH-balanced and has been designed specifically for babies and young children. This product is formulated with colloidal oatmeal, which is traditionally used in herbal medicine to assist in the relief of eczema and other minor dry itchy skin conditions. Traditional soaps and shampoos can cause irritation to sensitive skin. Little Bodies says it ensures that your child's cleansing product is part of the solution and not part of the problem.



Stockist: 02 8878 9777
RRP: \$12.99
Website: www.littlebodies.com.au

Master Illusion High Cover Concealer

Designer Brands Cosmetics (DB) says you can master your concealer game with this high coverage formula called **Master Illusion High Coverage Concealer**. Enriched with vitamin C & E, shea butter, aloe vera and a peptide infusion to perfect skin and mask pigmentation, this amazing product will hide a multitude of sins. Spot conceal as desired, or apply under the eyes and on the high planes of the face to highlight. Longwearing and crease-proof, with a demi-matte finish, this concealer comes in a sleek tube with a fine nozzle for precision application.



Stockist: 03 8544 8000
RRP: \$12.99
Website: www.dbcosmetics.com.au

Cream & Powder: Contour & Highlight

On Tour Cream & Powder Contouring & Highlighting Kit by

Australis Cosmetics (AC) is a face palette that can be used to contour and highlight the face. Use the contour shades to clearly define the forehead, lift the cheeks and strike the jawline. This flexible product can also provide highlights and shades down the nose, under the brow and over the cheek bones for a natural glow that oozes pure beauty.



Stockist: 1300 650 981
RRP: \$24.95
Website: www.australiscosmetics.com.au

Mandy's Cream Bleach Sensitive

Mandy's **Cream Bleach Sensitive** is a kit for painlessly lightening unwanted hair. The mild formulation contains aloe extract, known for its regenerative, antioxidant and anti-inflammatory benefits. This safe and gentle formulation works effectively in only 15 minutes, lightening hair to blend in with natural skin tone. This product is suitable for both facial and body hair. Each pack contains sufficient cream for several applications: Bleaching Cream (36g), Activating Powder (10g), mixing bowl and spatula.



Stockist: 1300 366 833
RRP: \$11.00
Website: www.plunketts.com.au



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