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New insulin pump

THE mylife YpsoPump system is now being launched in Australia, creating a new compact and lightweight option for Australian patients diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes (T1D) who manage their diabetes with an insulin pump.

With the changes in the distribution arrangement for insulin pump consumables, pharmacists will now have a much more involved role in supporting people who use insulin pump therapy, in terms of providing advice and consumables.

The Pharmacy Guild recommends that pharmacists be able to:

- Identify the different components of an insulin pump and how they work
- Describe the clinical benefits of insulin pump therapy to people with diabetes
- Describe benefits of a pharmacy providing pump consumables
- Explain the recommended frequency of changing infusion sets and reservoirs
- Identify people that may benefit from referral to an endocrinologist or diabetes educator for an insulin pump
- Identify common problems experienced with insulin pumps and their consumables

Ypsomed Australia gm James Mayjor said, "The mylife YpsoPump has also been designed to be intuitive and easy to operate.

"The pump has a touchscreen with an icon-based menu, much like a smartphone, so there is a certain familiarity to it – even when you're using it for the first time."

See mylife-diabetescare.com.

MGC Derma in UK market

AUSTRALIAN-LISTED cannabidiol (CBD) cosmetics and BioPharma group MGC Pharmaceuticals has announced via the ASX that its MGC Derma CBD based cosmetics collection will be sold on the ground floor of the Beyond Beauty Department within Knightsbridge (pictured) as well as through E-Commerce stores at luxury retailer Harvey Nichols, commencing from 29 Jun 2018.

MGC Derma is a joint venture with industry-credentialed cosmetics manufacturer, Dr. M. Burstein Ltd., operating in Europe,



PC pharmacist appt

THE first consultant pharmacist for primary care (PC) and community medicines optimisation has been appointed in the UK.

While there are around 70 consultant pharmacists working in the NHS, and the position was established in 2005, Clair Huckerby (pictured) is thought to be the first consultant pharmacist working at a population level in primary care and was appointed by Dudley clinical commissioning group.



of which MGC Pharmaceuticals owns 51% and retains management control.

The MGC Derma and MGC Derma Plus collections, consisting of 18 products containing premium cannabidiol (CBD), will be available to consumers in store and online internationally, where legally permitted.

The highly anticipated launch is being supported by Harvey Nichols giving MGC the opportunity to immediately increase its revenue and build strategic brand awareness in a high end retail operation, the company said in its announcement.

The statement added that sales will also be driven by a targeted public relations and marketing campaign.

MGC Pharmaceuticals is continuing to develop capacity to meet the growing demand in the medicinal cannabis markets throughout Europe, North America and Australasia, the company said.

PSA welcomes leaders

THE appointments of pharmacist Steve Morris (pictured right) as ceo of NPS MedicineWise and Elizabeth de Somer (pictured below) as ceo of Medicines Australia (PD Wed) have been welcomed by the peak national body for pharmacists, Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA).



Congratulating Morris and de Somer PSA national president Dr Shane Jackson said, "Mr Morris is well placed to advance NPS

MedicineWise's work to empower people to make the best possible healthcare decisions.

Highlighting the PSA's close alignment with Medicines Australia, he said, "Elizabeth de Somer is a widely respected expert in medicines policy who has advocated tirelessly for the pharmaceutical sector."



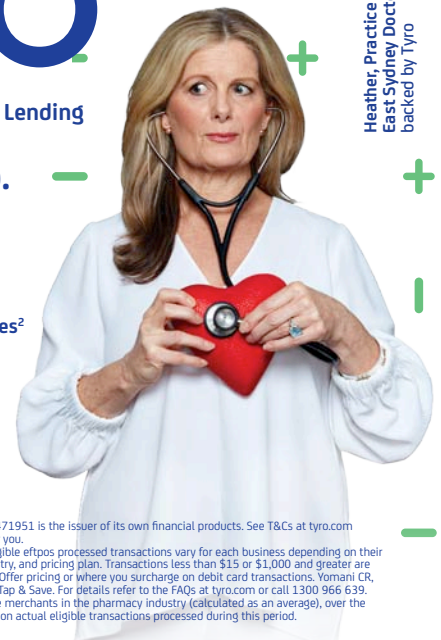
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Guild MHR training

THE Pharmacy

Guild of Australia has partnered with the Australian Digital Health Agency (ADHA) to develop three training modules which will provide pharmacists with education on using My Health Record (MHR) to access relevant patient data.



This initiative will provide community pharmacists with timely access to their patients' key health information leading to better health outcomes for patients and improved clinical decision making for community pharmacists, the Guild says.

The three modules cover off information around prescribed and dispensed medicines, clinical



My Health Record

information contained in Discharge Summaries and Event Summaries and clinical information contained in a Shared Health Summary.

The second module titled 'Making the most of the My Health Record system: Using Discharge Summaries and Event Summaries to deliver better patient care' is now available, the Guild said.

This activity has been accredited as suitable for inclusion in an individual pharmacist's CPD plan. Access at guild.org.au.

PSA likes DAA enhancement

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) has thrown its support behind the government's and Pharmacy Guild of Australia's announcement under the 6CPA which will see an extra 70,000 Australians each week supported to better manage their prescription medicines through the Government's expansion of the Dose Administration Aids (DAA) program in community pharmacies (**PD** yesterday).

Minister for Health Greg Hunt (**pictured** with the team at Wilkinson's Pharmacy) chose healthSAVE Wilkinson's Pharmacy in the coastal town of Burnie, Tasmania, to make the announcement yesterday.

The PSA said it welcomed the plan to expand the successful DAA program from 01 Jul 2018 which will allow pharmacists to provide an additional 3.8 million DAA services.

PSA national president Dr Shane Jackson said, "Lifting the amount of funding, and supporting services that can be provided by pharmacists such as DAAs will have a significant impact on improving medication adherence, and improve health outcomes for patients who take multiple medicines."

"There is no doubt that many services provided by pharmacists can improve medicines management, and we look forward



to a similar expansion of other existing programs such as Home Medicines Review, Medscheck and other Community Pharmacy Agreement programs in the future." PSA provides pharmacists with an online learning module - psa.org.au.

Attitudes to ageing

INDIVIDUALS with a positive attitude towards old age are likely to live longer and in better health than those with a negative attitude while those with a negative view of aging are more likely to suffer a heart attack, a stroke or die several years sooner, according to new data from *New Orb Media*.

The research also revealed that older people in countries with low levels of respect for the elderly are at risk for worse mental and physical health and higher levels of relative poverty.

Orb Media compiled data from 150,000 people in 101 countries to learn about their levels of respect for older people, exposing wide variations in attitudes - **CLICK HERE**.

Nestlé launches anti-IBS fibre

NESTLÉ Group's nutrition division Nestlé Health Science has announced the launch of ProNourish Natural Balance Fibre, describing the product as "Australia's only clinically tested fibre shown to help provide symptomatic relief for five symptoms of medically diagnosed irritable bowel syndrome".

"Studies have shown almost half of those suffering from medically diagnosed IBS experience alternating symptoms of diarrhoea and constipation, with around a quarter suffering from diarrhoea or constipation in isolation," the company said, adding that



there are an estimated six million Australians suffering from digestive health issues.

The ProNourish range also includes a probiotic and an on-the-go nutritional snack formulated with fibre to support digestive health. Both products are Monash University low fodmap certified.

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Dispensary Corner

THE health message has been clear for decades, be careful what you eat, especially if you are binge eating a stranger's chocolate is seems.

Two housekeepers who work at the Inn at Shelburne Farms in Vermont were recently hospitalised when they helped themselves to some leftover chocolate left behind by guests.

It turns out the sweet treats contained a hefty amount of marijuana, knocking the two women out cold a short period after consumption.

Perhaps this is a lesson to deploy the five-second rule with food at all times.



MOST people seek out ways to make themselves look younger, but what if your country's government is able to do the job for you?

The Japanese Government has recently enacted a bill lowering the age of adulthood from 20 to 18, affecting millions when it takes effect in 2022.

The biggest "grown-up" change for 18-year-olds will be no longer needing parental consent to get married.

The law change will not reduce the legal drinking age however, with Japanese youth still needing to wait until 20 to drink alcohol.

No tantrums please.

Harmonising generics group

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has announced the matters discussed and actions taken by the Australia-Canada-Singapore-Switzerland (ACSS)

Consortium when they met in Brasilia, Brazil, on 27-28 Oct 2017.

The ACSS Consortium is a "medium sized coalition", which was formed in 2007 by 'like-minded' regulatory authorities to promote greater regulatory collaboration and alignment of regulatory requirements.

It says its goal is to maximise international cooperation, reduce duplication, and increase each agency's capacity to ensure consumers have timely access to high quality, safe and effective therapeutic products.

The purpose of this meeting was to advance information and work sharing arrangements in the assessment of generic drug applications with the focus of the meeting being the Generic Medicines Work Sharing Trial

(GMWST).

The working group members discussed the continuation of the work-sharing trial and reviewed the draft article on experiences and lessons learnt from the first application.

In addition, the group discussed the publication of the GMWST documents on all of the ACSS agency websites to raise industry awareness of the trial and to encourage candidate applications.

Finally, the GMWST documents were updated, namely the Notice to Applicants, Operational Procedures, Questions and Answers and the Expression of Interest (EOI) form.

The ACSS Consortium GMWG also prepared a summary of its work for presentation at the 6th meeting of the IGDRP, which was held directly after the GMWG meeting, from 30 Oct to 02 Nov 2017 in Brasilia.

The next face-to-face meeting of the ACSS Consortium GMWG is set for 14-15 May 2018 in Bern, Switzerland.

ACSS Consortium

Australia-Canada-Singapore-Switzerland Consortium



Actemra AusPAR

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has released its Australian Public Assessment Report for Roche Products' Actemra (tocilizumab) confirming approval for an extension of indications to include the treatment of giant cell arteritis in adults - access at tga.gov.au.

Events Calendar

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6 - 9 Jul: Life Long Learning in Pharmacy 2018 (LLL2018); Rydges Southbank, Brisbane; registrations now open: www.lllpharm2018.com

27 - 29 Jul: PSA18; The Hyatt Regency Sydney; register now: go to www.psa18.com

12 - 15 Aug: Medici Capital Pharmacy Snow Business Conference 2018; Mt Buller, Victoria; register your interest here: www.medicicom.au

7 - 8 Sep: Pharmacy Connect; Hilton Hotel Sydney; register at: www.pharmacy-connect.com.au

16 - 19 Oct: Pharmacy Alliance Members' Forum; Hamilton Island; early bird registrations now open: www.pamembersforum.com.au

25 - 27 Oct: Pharmacy Assistant National Conference; Sea World Resort, Gold Coast; for details see: www.pharmacyassistants.com

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