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## Today's issue of PD

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

## PSS support call

**PHARMACISTS'** Support Service (PSS) president John Coppock is calling out to the pharmacy community to support the work of PSS with a tax deductible donation before 30 Jun 2018.

"All donations are welcome, whether a one off or a regular monthly gift," Coppock said.

"PSS needs the ongoing financial support of the profession to continue supporting our pharmacy colleagues, especially as the use of the service continues to increase."

All pharmacists, interns and pharmacy students in Australia are eligible to receive non-judgemental support, available 8.00am to 11.00pm EST on 1300 244 910.

Visit [supportforpharmacists.org.au](http://supportforpharmacists.org.au) and click on **DONATE NOW**.

## Veterans HMR uptake rises

**THE** rate of Home Medicine Review (HMR) uptake among Australian veterans over the last decade has grown sustainably due to regular repetition of quality improvement messages, according to new research published in the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) journal, the *Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Research*.

Researchers based in the Quality Use of Medicines and Pharmacy Research Centre, Sansom Institute for Health Research, University of South Australia, Adelaide, evaluated the impact of quality improvement interventions at different time points on the uptake of collaborative HMRs.

National interventions to promote HMRs, comprising patient-specific prescriber feedback and tailored educational materials for patients and clinicians, were conducted in 2004, 2006 and 2011 through the Veterans' Medicines Advice and Therapeutics Education Services

(Veterans' MATES) program.

More than 40,000 patients were targeted in each HMR intervention, creating data with statistical significance showing the monthly HMR rate increased from 0.2 per 1000 patients in Nov 2001 to 2.7 per 1000 patients in Dec 2012.

**CLICK HERE** to access the abstract.

## Prostate DNA test

**THREE** hundred UK men are taking part in a trial evaluating the potential of a new DNA test looking for high risk genes for prostate cancer, believed to affect one in 100 men.

The test takes a saliva sample and could form the basis of a nationwide screening program, Institute of Cancer Research scientists hope.

The foundation DNA research investigated more than 140,000 men and identified 63 new genetic variations that can increase the risk of prostate cancer.

See [nature.com](http://nature.com) for the DNA work.

## PSNZ outage today



**PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY**  
of New Zealand Incorporated

**THE** Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand (PSNZ) has announced its website will be unavailable today Wed 20 Jun for a period between 10:00pm and 11:30pm while IT providers carry out server maintenance.

PSNZ apologises for any inconvenience this may cause.

## Nurse S8 fail - banned

**THE** Health Care Complaints Commission prosecuted a complaint against Ms Zuriati Bin Goode, a formerly registered nurse before the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal for unsatisfactory professional conduct and professional misconduct.

Record keeping and management of S8 drugs were part of the complaint which saw her banned from being registered for 12 months - see [caselaw.nsw.gov.au](http://caselaw.nsw.gov.au).

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### Antibiotic stewardship

**CANADIAN** researchers investigated the impact of antimicrobial stewardship programs (ASPs) in 73 hospitals throughout the country to determine the key structural and strategic aspects of ASPs that were associated with differences in risk-adjusted antibiotic use.

The new work was published in *Infection Control & Hospital Epidemiology* and found there was a 7-fold range in antibiotic use from 253 to 1,872 defined daily doses (DDD) per 1,000 patient days.

The only structural component associated with lower risk-adjusted antibiotic use was the presence of designated ASP funding or resources.

Visit [cambridge.org](http://cambridge.org) for the study.

### Win with Mater

Everyday this week Pharmacy Daily and Mater Baby Products are

giving away the pictured prize pack valued at \$44.

Parents love Australia's first hospital range of skin care products. Developed by Mater Mothers' Hospitals, the high quality, low irritant skin care products are designed to soothe and care for sensitive newborn skin. Products are Australian Made, pH balanced and dermatologically tested.

For details visit: [www.materbabyproducts.com.au](http://www.materbabyproducts.com.au).

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

True or False: Tear-free and soap free Mater Baby Wash is specifically formulated for newborn skin.

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Alice Tucker from Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service.



## Permissible ingredients

**THE** Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has made a total of 88 changes in the updated Permissible Ingredients Determination labelled No. 2 of 2018.

The listing provides transitional arrangements for medicines that are currently listed in the Register to comply with new requirements included in the previous determination.

These include requirements such as new concentration limits or safety information required on product labels.

The listing contains nine new ingredients and makes changes to 75 existing ingredient entries.

These latter are designed to make requirements either less restrictive such as broadening the administration options, or more restrictive such as requiring warning statements and transitional provisions.

Some changes reflect existing requirements from the Poisons Standard while some make minor changes to ensure greater clarity with entries.

Four ingredients were identified



as not to be suitable for inclusion in listed medicines or were synonymous with other existing ingredients to avoid duplication.

These were lovage extract,

meadowsweet herb powder, mentha x piperita nothosubsp. citrata and raisin.

Visit [tga.gov.au](http://tga.gov.au) for the complete listing of changed ingredients.

**MEANWHILE** the TGA has announced a revised fees and charges model for domestic manufacturers to take effect 01 Jul.

The revision is based on the proposal to change the current Good Manufacturing Process fees and charges public consultation carried out earlier this year.

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

### Coffee for BG control?

**AN ARTIFICIAL** genetic 'circuit' that can be switched on with



caffeine can help regulate blood glucose (BG) levels in

diabetic mice models, according to international researchers, published in *Nature Communications*.

Although only a proof-of-principle demonstration, this work shows how synthetic biology may one day be used in healthcare with minimal invasive disruptions to lifestyle.

**CLICK HERE** for access.

### Less alcohol, less risk

**LIGHT** drinkers have the lowest risk of developing a number of cancers or dying according to a nine-year Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland, study published in *PLOS Medicine*.

The study's lowest drinking category was an average of less than one drink per day across a lifetime, and the risk for some cancers increased with each additional drink per week, the researchers wrote.

The analysis was limited to older adults and could be confounded by socioeconomic factors, and the findings should not be taken to support a protective effect of light drinking, the authors cautioned.

**CLICK HERE** for the research.

### Advance care study

**RESEARCHERS** from Advance Care Planning Australia (ACPA) are looking for health care organisations such as general practice clinics, aged-care facilities and hospitals to take part in a ground-breaking study about Advance Care Directives (ACDs) in health care services.

The focus of the study is to assess to what extent older Australians are receiving the medical care that they want, and how well their care aligns with their personal values and preferences.

ACPA medical director Karen Detering says, "Advance Care Directives are most valuable at the point of care, where they can be used to guide treatment decisions."

Online application forms are at [advancecareplanning.org.au](http://advancecareplanning.org.au).

Applications close 26 Jul.

### Polypharmacy probe

**NEW** research published in the *International Journal for Quality in Health Care* found "substantial variation" in polypharmacy, hyperpolypharmacy and antipsychotic medicine use across 71 residential aged care (RAC) facilities in NSW and the ACT.

The study used routinely collected electronic medicines administration relating to 4,775 permanent residents living in participating facilities on 01 Oct 2015.

Visit [academic.oup.com](http://academic.oup.com) to access the abstract.



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## Dispensary Corner

**WOULD** you like to be given free rides on the train until the age of 25 years?

One little new arrivee on the planet has achieved this, in Paris.

Live-tweeting the event Monday, the Paris public transport company RATP said the baby was born on a train in the center of Paris, disrupting traffic on the RER A line.

Rescue workers took care of the mother and child and brought them to the nearest hospital.

News of the "unannounced birth" was displayed on Paris train traffic screens.

The RER A line issued gushy good wishes and tweeted that traffic was back to normal.

While most Parisians welcomed the dramatic arrival, there were a few that reminded RATP that their schedule was too frequently disrupted.

There's always someone...



**LOVE** is in the air - or at least it was expressed up in the air when an Eastern Germany couple were married in a swing dangling from a motorcycle atop a tightrope, 14 meters above the ground.

The German news agency *dpa* reported that a pastor standing atop a fire service ladder presided over the wedding of Nicole Backhaus and Jens Knorr in the town of Stassfurt on Saturday.

## 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)

### Diabetic nutritional support

IsoWhey **Diabetic Formula** supports the nutritional needs of people with diabetes who cannot meet their diet needs through diet modification alone. It can

be consumed as a shake and provides inositol, vitamin D, chromium, zinc and other important micronutrients. IsoWhey Diabetic Formula is low GI certified (vanilla GI = 18, chocolate GI = 22), assists with metabolism of carbohydrates, promotes feeling of fullness and offers additional energy and immune support. It is recommended that this product is used in conjunction with a healthy and balanced diet, lifestyle and exercise.

**Stockist:** 1300 476 943

**RRP:** \$51.95

**Website:** [www.isowhey.com.au](http://www.isowhey.com.au)



### Hydrabio Serum from Bioderma

Bioderma **Hydrabio Serum** is a uniquely formulated serum designed to rehydrate dehydrated skin. The formula contains the aquagenium patent to intensely moisturise and strengthen skin. It features a high concentration of glycerin (15%) and hyaluronic acid to boost skin's moisture levels, suppleness and radiance. The light texture of Bioderma Hydrabio Serum makes it ideal for use as a make-up base without interfering with make-up tonal qualities or application techniques.

**Stockist:** 03 9527 1015

**RRP:** \$46.99

**Website:** [www.cosmetiquesdefrance.com.au](http://www.cosmetiquesdefrance.com.au)



### Vintage Pre Shave Oil

Vines **Vintage Pre Shave Oil** is a pre-shave oil that softens and prepares facial hair and skin. It is formulated with sweet almond oil and avocado oil to soften whiskers, giving blades a friction-free path with no resistance. The argan oil in Vines Vintage Preshave Oil protects the skin, helping to reduce nicks and razor burn. This specially designed product is ideal for men prone to razor bumps or ingrown hairs, as well as for use on arms, legs, chest and back.

**Stockist:** 02 9666 8045

**RRP:** \$19.95

**Website:** [www.i-glamour.com](http://www.i-glamour.com)



### Hair Growth Mask by Pump Haircare

Pump Haircare **Hair Growth Mask** is a hair growth mask that strengthens hair, supports growth and avoids split ends. It is built with its patented BioGro formula but also includes Jamaican black castor oil and other growth stimulating ingredients. Pump Haircare's Hair Growth Mask is also formulated with organic carrot seed oil to strengthen and prevent breakage due to its hydrating effects and argan oil, mandarin oil and keratin to strengthen and smooth hair.

**Stockist:** [sales@pumphaire.com](http://sales@pumphaire.com)

**RRP:** \$43.95

**Website:** [www.pumphaire.com](http://www.pumphaire.com)





## **Congratulations to the winners of the APP Corum Stand Competition**

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Mark Langridge - Night and Day Bayswater**

**2nd Prize: One (1) Corum Pharmascan Unit  
Catherine Chiu - Hooper Centre Pharmacy**

**3rd Prize: One (1) year's subscription to Corum ScriptARC  
Ernie Pironie - Superchem Raine Square**

**4th Prize: One (1) delegate registration to APP 2019  
Jade Mei - Terry White Chemmart Karalee Village**

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