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Afluria Quad available

SEQIRUS has announced that the 2018 Afluria Quad vaccine is now available in the private market for use in people aged 18 years plus.

The 2018 Southern Hemisphere Afluria Quad formulation contains four influenza strains recommended by the World Health Organization and the Australian Influenza Vaccine Committee.

Following last year's season the 2018 vaccine includes an updated H3N2 strain which was a leading cause of disease last year.

Alongside the private market Afluria Quad will also be made available for eligible people 18-64 years of age on the National Immunisation Program.

CW targets 100k vax

CHEMIST Warehouse has kicked off its 2018 annual flu campaign, with aims to vaccinate 100,000 Australians against the flu this year.

CW will be offering vaccination with the 2018 quadrivalent vaccine, with appointments available for bookings online now and the jabs commencing from 12 Mar and running for 10 weeks to 19 May.

Over 190 CW stores will administer the vaccine for the price of \$10.99.

Vic clarifies pharmacy trusts

THE Victorian Pharmacy Authority (VPA) has confirmed the rollout of a random audit program of pharmacy business ownership and commercial arrangements.

A pilot of the audit has kicked off, with selected pharmacy licensees to shortly receive letters requiring them to produce information and documents relating to the ownership of their businesses.

The pharmacies chosen for participation have been "selected randomly from pharmacy lists developed using risk-based criteria," according to a communique from the VPA.

It's the latest move in a series of actions being taken by the VPA to ensure that pharmacies in Victoria comply with the *Pharmacy Regulation Act*.

The VPA has also published a new guidance document on pharmacy trusts, clarifying that under the Act beneficiaries of trusts which own pharmacies must be either a registered pharmacist, a company whose directors are all registered pharmacists and whose shares and beneficial interest in those shares are held by registered pharmacists or a company that was registered

or incorporated as a friendly society.

"Additionally, a trustee or beneficiary of a pharmacy trust must not own or have a proprietary interest in more than five separate pharmacy businesses in Victoria," the guidance states.

Any trust which is involved in the ownership of a pharmacy business must submit a copy of its relevant trust deed to the VPA for review, regardless of whether it is a discretionary trust, a fixed trust or a unit trust.

The VPA said: "To avoid the need for amendment of your trust, it is recommended that the trust deed be drafted with the proprietary interest and undue influence provisions of the Act in mind".

There's also a comprehensive checklist provided to assist pharmacy licensees to comply.

See pharmacy.vic.gov.au.

Diabetes-psoriasis link

PSORIASIS is an important predictor of diabetes risk and the more severe the disease, the higher the diabetes risk, researchers report in the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*.

In a population-based study of 8,124 adults with psoriasis and 76,599 adults without psoriasis who were followed for four years, researchers found that patients with severe psoriasis have about a 60% increased annual risk of type two diabetes.

University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine's Joel Gelfand said the findings were "independent of traditional risk factors for diabetes".

"Further analysis of the severe group of psoriasis patients showed that for every 10% increase in affected body surface area, diabetes risk rises by an additional 20%."

CLICK HERE to access the study.

PSS signs MoU with NAPSA

THE National Australian Pharmacy Students Association has signed a new Memorandum of Understanding with the Pharmacists Support Service, formalising their ongoing relationship for the next three years.

PSS president John Coppock, who's pictured sealing the deal with NAPSA president Sandra Minas, said the pact with pharmacy students "ensures that we are able



to meet their needs appropriately both now as students and into the future when they are registered pharmacists".

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Dispensary Corner

FASHION meets function in this latest craze to sweep polluted cities worldwide.

Tallix, a luxury accessories brand, has announced a line of fashionable filtration masks that "can protect the wearer from air pollution, flus and airborne diseases".

With 20 designs for women and 13 designs for men, the same luxurious silks, twills, satin, lace and trims used by the world's leading fashion brands are now available "in medical-grade masks that filter against PM2.5 and other harmful particulates".

Now if they could just work on those surgical shoe covers ...



THERE'S a bathroom crisis brewing in Taiwan, where a run (get it?) on stocks of toilet paper has left many retail shelves bereft of the vital necessity.

The country's toilet tissue producers issued a formal warning on Fri that prices were set to increase by as much as 30% due to an increase in the costs of raw materials.

The news has apparently led to panic buying as consumers rushed to ensure they don't get unexpectedly caught short.

Taiwan's central government has vowed to investigate claims of price collusion among the manufacturers, amid claims the price rise announcement was carefully coordinated.

Ramsay grows pharmacy

ASX-LISTED Ramsay Health Care (RHC), in its first half 2018 financial results, has reported adding 23 retail pharmacies to its Australian network during the six months to 31 Dec, bringing the total number to 54, including the addition of Queensland's Malouf Pharmacy business (*PD* 15 Nov 2017) which was finalised just prior to Christmas.



However expansion of the network has been slower than expected "due to regulatory delays" but the company opened a flagship Ramsay Pharmacy store in the Melbourne CBD in Jan 2018.

Ramsay said it was concentrating on sites close to hospitals "so patients can benefit from receiving both medication and other integrated care services beyond the hospital walls".

The Ramsay Pharmacy portfolio includes four 24/7 pharmacies within the company's major

hospitals, and the network is complemented by more than 150 hospital pharmacies operated by Ramsay, which is Australia's largest private hospital operator.

The Australian arm of the international RHC business has underpinned the company with a strong performance, and Craig McNally said, while the European business faced ongoing challenges.

"Our Australian operations delivered 9.1% EBIT growth on the previous corresponding period due to above market volume growth and the benefits of recent cost efficiency programs," McNally said in his commentary on results.

McNally added that the company was looking at further out-of-hospital opportunities, including the retail pharmacy strategy, to deliver "innovative, cost-effective and patient-centred care to the community," with Ramsay's scale and diversity to ensure it continued to deliver earnings growth.

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