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Temple Touch recall

TOLIFE Technologies, in consultation with the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), is recalling one lot of its Rite Aid Mini Digital Temple Touch Thermometer as the battery compartment is not adequately secured, allowing access to the button battery inside.

The affected lot number is 5216, printed on the base of the unit.

The TGA says that to date, no other lots of the Rite Aid Mini Digital Temple Touch Thermometer are affected by this recall.

Contact the company via the website riteaid.com.au or by calling 08 9350 5688, the TGA advises.

7CPA on APP2018 agenda

THE Pharmacy Guild will convene a special session at the upcoming Australian Pharmacy Professional (APP) conference to seek input from delegates on the Seventh Community Pharmacy Agreement.

7CPA negotiating lead Trent Twomey will join with Guild executive director David Quilty and national president George Tambassis to explore a "broad range of initiatives and issues facing community pharmacy".

The interactive session will take place from 9am-12.30pm on Sun 06 May, seeking feedback on the

"critical issues that will frame the 7CPA and the future of community pharmacy".

The Guild will also present key outcomes of its CP2025 research and strategy planning project during the session.

The 6CPA is now in its third year, with the next agreement set for implementation from Jul 2020.

As well as being able to voice their views directly to the Guild's senior leaders during APP, delegates will also be able to express their opinion via an interactive survey.

For more information or to register see appconference.com.

EpiPen supply hope

THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia has advised there are now limited stocks of EpiPens coming into Australia, with more received last week and now in the process of being labelled and distributed.



The shortage is a worldwide issue due to problems with the overseas manufacturing plant, with signs the matter is being addressed.

In *Forefront* this week the Guild noted the TGA is monitoring the situation, and advises pharmacists to contact Alphapharm on 1800 274 276 for an emergency supply as well as advise patients to retain their soon-to-expire EpiPens and use them in case of an emergency, as long as the liquid inside isn't discoloured or contains sediment.

The TGA has also organised a temporary supply of a similar product called Emerade (marketed by Bausch + Lomb in the UK) and these should also be available in the next few weeks.

In addition a third company is looking to enter the Australian market with an EpiPen-like product in the middle of 2018.

Blackmores/CCNB honour Meads-Barlow

TYPE 1 diabetes activist Donna Meads-Barlow was yesterday named as the inaugural winner of the Blackmores Mercie Whellan Women+Wellbeing Awards 2018.

Meads-Barlow, who has been a tireless advocate for continuous glucose monitoring equipment (*PD* 16 May 2016), was announced as the winner last night on a special International Women's Day Harbour Cruise which also featured journalist Tracey Spicer as guest speaker.

The awards were a partnership between Blackmores and community health organisation



CCNB, with Meads-Barlow and Spicer **pictured above** celebrating the special occasion.

Apr price disclosure

THE summary of price disclosure price reductions and Indicative prices for the 2018 April Cycle (Fourth Remove Originator cycle) have now been updated on the Price Disclosure web page, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme has advised.

Notes are included addressing flow-on reductions for F2 combination items as well as legal determinations and next steps.

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Dispensary Corner

A BRITISH man suspected of swallowing a drug stash has been freed after he refused to go to the toilet for over six weeks.

24-year-old Lamarr Chambers was arrested in Essex on 17 Jan and charged with two counts of possessing class A drugs, reports *The Independent*.

He allegedly swallowed a package of crack cocaine and heroin while being chased by officers from the police gang and urban street crime unit.

The alleged offender refused to be X-rayed or take laxatives during his time in custody, with police tweeting daily updates of what they described as "poo watch".

After a series of seven hearings on extending his stay in the cells, the alleged offender was released "following medical and legal advice," with a spokesman saying "his health, wellbeing and dignity were paramount at all times".

Surely one of the drugs the man swallowed must have been Imodium!

FRED was like a fish out of water - well actually, he was indeed a fish out of water.

Found unexpectedly floundering on the floor of a kitchen in Bristol, UK, Fred the fish was alive and well and comfortably transferred

to a saucepan, not for cooking but simply because it was a handy container of water.

But how did Fred find himself in such a waterless predicament?

Clue: Thor the cat (pictured) was sitting beside him - hmmm.



Sick-leave tickets a plus

COMMUNITY pharmacists take their responsibilities under the Act seriously, and should at all times comply with guidelines jointly developed by the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, the Guild has said in a formal statement.

The Guild was responding to a warning from peak employer body the Australian Industry Group (AIG) which earlier this week expressed scepticism about the validity of absence-from-work certificates issued by pharmacists - and mainstream media reports criticising advertising of \$20 sick notes from Chemist Warehouse.

Guild president George Tambassis noted that the Fair Work Act has made pharmacist-generated certificates legal for almost a decade.

"Under the guidelines, the issuing of an absence from work certificate must be within the scope of practice of the pharmacist, acting within their competency and professional expertise.

"Pharmacists need to carefully consider whether or not the illness or injury that is the subject of the certificate is within their recognised area of practice," Tambassis said.

"Given the waiting time that might be required for a doctor's appointment, the fact that workers who are legitimately ill or injured can obtain an absence from work certificate more conveniently at a pharmacy is actually a plus for productivity, not a minus," he said.

Clinical trials handbook update

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has provided an update on its *Australian clinical trial handbook*, giving sponsors guidance on legislative, regulatory and good clinical practice (GCP) requirements when conducting clinical trials in Australia using 'unapproved' therapeutic goods. Visit tga.gov.au for details.

Ja Dera Max+ risk

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) warns it has tested a product labelled Ja Dera Max+ capsules and found that it contains the undeclared prescription-only anaesthetic lignocaine, posing a risk to health. See tga.gov.au for more.



Events Calendar

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16-18 Mar: Annual Therapeutic Update 2018; Fairmont Resort, Blue Mountains; for details and registrations visit: www.psa.org.au

16-18 Mar: Foundation Seminar in Clinical Medication Management; Rydges Sydney; register here: www.shpa.org.au

21-22 Mar: eMedication Management Conference; Raddison Blu Plaza Sydney; book your spot at: www.informa.com.au

3-6 May: APP 2018; Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre; find out more and register at: www.appconference.com

27 May-8 Jun: 43rd PSA Offshore Refresher Conference; San Francisco; travel information and registrations at: www.psa.org.au

30 May - 1 Jun: National Medicines Symposium (NMS) 2018; National Convention Centre, Canberra; registrations now open: www.nps.org.au

Win with Hope's Relief

Everyday this week Pharmacy Daily and Hope's Relief are giving away a prize pack including Hope's Relief Premium Eczema Cream 60g, Hope's Relief Body Wash with Cocoa Butter, Shea and Goats Milk 250ml, Hope's Relief Moisturising Lotion 145g and Hope's Relief Bamboo Tote Bag valued at \$55.



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Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Sandra White from Iron Pharmacy Group.