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## Deprescribing safely

**NPS Medicinewise** is offering an educational visit for one hour for small group meetings for up to 10 health professionals: GPs, practice nurses and pharmacists, around the subject of when and how to step down or stop medicines safely and effectively.

This educational visiting program uses proton pump inhibitors (PPIs), as one of the most commonly-prescribed, familiar medicines in general practice, to illustrate in detail what to consider at initiation, when to review, and when it's appropriate to step down or stop.

The basic design of the program is based on Quality Use of Medicines (QUM), NPS explains.

Visit [nps.org.au](http://nps.org.au) for details.

**PPI** digest omeprazole heartburn mouth acid suppressant esomeprazole diet abdomen GORD discomfort stomach acid proton pump inhibitor lansoprazole esophagus burning indigestion rabeprazole

## CHF pushes for 7CPA seat

**THE Consumers Health Forum** has confirmed it will "urge the government to ensure the next negotiations for the Community Pharmacy Agreement include consumer representatives".

According to a CHF statement issued yesterday, the government's response to the King Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation has "left open the prospect" of the organisation being part of the 7CPA.

"At a time when CHF research tells us that consumers trust pharmacists, value community pharmacy and want pharmacy services to be opened up to be more integrated with the rest of the health system, the government has supported a limited number of the recommendations of the review to reform community pharmacy," said CHF ceo Leanne Wells.

She noted calls from pharmacy and general practice clinical leaders that "modern pharmacy needs to shift from its 'dispensing' mentality to one of community care."

"This highlights the need for the voice of consumers to balance the influence of pharmacy owners."

Wells said over the years the CHF had played a significant role in shaping important elements of community health practice, including the organisation's role in the genesis of the *Australian Medicines Handbook*.

She said including representatives of consumers alongside those of professional pharmacists and owners "makes sense when we consider the importance and cost of pharmacies to the community".

As well as heading up the CHF, Wells is a director of painaustralia and was recently appointed as a Councillor to the Australian Pharmacy Council (PD 09 May).

## New Lloyds ceo

**CELESIO UK**, the parent company of British pharmacy retail giant Lloyds Pharmacy has appointed Toby Anderson as its new ceo.

Anderson was previously with A.S. Watson, taking over from Cormac Tobin who stepped down in Nov after closing 190 Lloyds branches.

## UQ AMR research funded

**UNIVERSITY of Queensland** research into antibiotic resistance links between nursing homes and hospitals has received a \$1.8 million government funding boost from the Health Department.

UQ Centre for Clinical Research Director Professor David Paterson said antibiotic resistance was a rapidly evolving worldwide problem.

"This research is specifically on the spread of antibiotic resistant



germs between people in nursing homes and hospitals," he said.

**Pictured** at the announcement of the funding are Health Minister Greg Hunt (left) & Professor David Paterson (right) plus colleagues.

## Non-opioid addiction withdrawal support

**THE U.S. Food and Drug Administration** has announced it has approved Lucemyra (lofexidine hydrochloride) for the mitigation of withdrawal symptoms to facilitate abrupt discontinuation of opioids in adults.

While Lucemyra may lessen the severity of withdrawal symptoms, it may not completely prevent them and is only approved for treatment for up to 14 days.

More information at [fda.gov](http://fda.gov).

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**Jobs of the Week**

- **Pharmacist in Charge** - South West Coast, VIC (Job# 200015690)  
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## Dispensary Corner

**AMERICAN** confectionery maker Hershey manufactures products classified as a "sometimes" food.

But a super-fan of the company's Reese's Peanut Butter Cups is likely to be chowing down on the sweet things for quite a long time now, after he was presented with a swimming pool full of the chocolatey delights.

Ohio-based Jon Ernst became famous online in 2015 after he received an employee gift card from the store where he worked and spent the whole thing on Reese's Peanut Butter Cups.

The company has now rewarded his viral fame with the poolful of product as part of an "Outrageous Acts" campaign to launch a new candy bar.



**SMOKING** cigarettes is a well established contributor to increased mortality, and "vaping" has been touted as a slightly safer way to get a nicotine hit.

However that definitely wasn't the case for a Florida man who tragically died recently after an electronic cigarette exploded, killing him instantly as pieces of the device lodged in his skull.

The 38-year-old's body was discovered by emergency workers as they put out a fire caused by the explosion.

The *Tampa Bay Times* reported the official cause was "projectile wound of head," with the accidental death believed to be the first fatality from a vape pen explosion.

## 6CPA backlog

**THE** Health Department has advised that the 6CPA Registration and Claiming Portal is currently experiencing a backlog of claims "due to the implementation of system changes to accommodate new claiming requirements implemented from 1 February 2018".

Extra resources have been put in place, with officials assuring affected pharmacies that the 6CPA team is committed to clearing the backlog as quickly as possible.

## Antibiotics linked to kidney stones

**COMMON** antibiotics may be to blame for the rising incidence of kidney stones, particularly among children, according to a case-control study involving more than 260,000 patients, and published in the *Journal of the American Society of Nephrology*.

Five classes of oral antibiotics: sulfas, cephalosporins, fluoroquinolones, nitrofurantoin/methenamine and broad-spectrum penicillins were linked to increased risk of nephrolithiasis - [CLICK HERE](#).

## Not so fast, Jaguar

**JAGUAR** 30000 capsules may pose a serious risk to health and should not be taken, the TGA warns in its latest safety advisory.



The product has been found to contain the undeclared prescription-only substance tadalafil, and neither the capsules nor the place of manufacture have been assessed and approved for safety and efficacy by the TGA.

## CW on Gruen

**THE ABC's Gruen** media and marketing show this week featured a segment on Chemist Warehouse, describing the company as a "media empire" with an annual marketing budget of \$100 million.

Panellists hailed Chemist Warehouse strategies including its various TV and radio shows, branded content and catalogues as key opportunities for suppliers to partner with the company.

View the show at [view.abc.net.au](http://view.abc.net.au).

## New wound products

**TWO** new preparations for the care of wounds and minor burns are now available to pharmacies, offering customers "modern, well designed products which minimise contact with the wound".

AFT Pharmaceuticals' Crystawash wound wash spray is an isotonic saline spray and Crystasoothe Burn Gel forms a water-based temporary barrier - [aftpharmaceuticals.com](http://aftpharmaceuticals.com).



## Events Calendar

**WELCOME** to *Pharmacy Daily's* events calendar, opportunities to earn CPE and CPD points.

If you have an upcoming event you'd like us to feature, email [info@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:info@pharmacydaily.com.au).

**27 May-8 Jun:** 43rd PSA Offshore Refresher Conference; San Francisco; travel information and registrations at: [www.psa.org.au](http://www.psa.org.au)

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

**15 - 17 Jun:** ConPharm 2018; Sofitel Brisbane Central Hotel; for details and to register see: [www.aacp.com.au](http://www.aacp.com.au)

**27 - 29 Jul:** PSA18; The Hyatt Regency Sydney; earlybird registrations now open: go to [www.psa18.com](http://www.psa18.com)

**12 - 15 Aug:** Medici Capital Pharmacy Snow Business Conference 2018; Mt Buller, Victoria; register your interest here: [www.medici.com.au](http://www.medici.com.au)

## Win with SkinB5

This week *Pharmacy Daily* & SkinB5 are giving away each day the Acne Control Mousse and Moisturiser.

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Which oil is in the ingredients of the SkinB5 Acne Control Moisturiser?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Muthi Ahmed Mohammed from Northside Pharmacy NT