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Today's issue of PD
Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news plus a full page from Pharmacy 4 Less.

PDL practice alert
PHARMACEUTICAL Defence Limited has released a new "practice alert" detailing the experience of a PDL pharmacist member in relation to an AHPRA notification.
The blog post can be viewed by PDL members online at pdl.org.au.
The latest update from PDL also details pharmacists' obligations when supplying pseudoephedrine, and includes information on the essential role documentation plays in the provision of clinical pharmacy services.

2018 rego reminder
THE Pharmacy Board of Australia has reminded pharmacists they have until 30 Nov 2018 to renew their registration on time, with online renewals now available.
Renewal applications received in Dec will incur a late payment fee in addition to the annual renewal fee.
The new schedule of fees applicable this year is online at pharmacyboard.gov.au.

Maningrida Pharmacy medal

THE Northern Territory's Maningrida Pharmacy Service has been awarded the Administrator's Medal in Primary Health Care, with the accolade given by the Honourable Vicki O'Halloran AM at a ceremony at Government House in Darwin last week.



The awards recognise health professionals who are striving to customise their services and engage patients and peers to improve health in the NT.
The Maningrida Pharmacy Service was developed as a collaboration between Mala'la Health Service Aboriginal Corporation and local community pharmacy United Chemists Palmerston in 2014.
The service aimed to address the lack of access to pharmacy services for Maningrida residents, initially established as a three day per fortnight service, with further success seeing funding secured last year to extend it to a fully comprehensive five day per week

onsite pharmacy service.
A local health worker and pharmacist work together to tailor individualised medication management plans for clients, and home medication reviews are also offered by the service.
United Chemist Palmerston owner Shelley Forester said the initiative has helped overcome the issues of transience and workforce limitations that exist in remote communities in the Territory.
She's pictured above holding the award with, from left: Denise Ashworth, Mala'la Health Service Aboriginal Corporation (MHSAC); NT Administrator Vicki O'Halloran; and Charlie Gunabarra, chairperson of MHSAC.

J&J extends QUT pact

JOHNSON & Johnson has announced a three-year extension of the J&J Innovation Partnering Office at the Queensland University of Technology (JJIPO@QUT).
The extension of the joint initiative with the Qld Government will allow JJIPO@QUT to "continue nurturing and accelerating innovative research and new product development and commercialisation for a global market," according to Rowan Chapman, Head of J&J Innovation.
The initiative was originally launched in 2016 by Qld Premier Anastacia Palazzczuk to support researchers and companies in the state's life-science sector.

AMA blasts NRAS review consultation

THE Australian Medical Association has described a consultation by the COAG Health Council on the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) as a "squandered opportunity".
AMA's response to the review's consultation document says it is a "grab-bag of poorly thought-out ideas," urging improvements to mandatory reporting processes and handling of notifications.

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Dispensary Corner

A BRITISH woman has begun making significant amounts of money by selling her smelly socks and used shoes online.

33-year-old Roxy Sykes established an Instagram account to showcase her feet after someone complimented her on the shapeliness of her toes.

Clearly there's a foot-fetish market, with the account quickly amassing more than 10,000 followers at which point she decided to start selling her leftover footwear.

A used pair of socks - preferably unwashed - goes for about £20, while second hand shoes are on offer for £200.

She told the UK *Mercury* newspaper she can make up to £8000 in a busy month.



THERE was a timely warning from the US Centers for Disease Control last week, which urged people celebrating Halloween to stop using dead bats as holiday decorations.

Apparently it is really a thing, with the US Fish & Wildlife Service seizing a number of illegal dead flying rodents shipped to the US.

Most are fully taxidermied, but in some cases can carry diseases not endemic in the US, CDC said.

ST Pharmacy Phusion pact

AUSTRALIAN pharmacists will be intimately involved in the management of a new breast cancer treatment from Specialised Therapeutics (ST), under a new agreement with pharmacy services group Pharmacy Phusion.

The pact will see patients prescribed with the medication by medical oncologists under the TGA's Special Access Scheme contacted by a specialist pharmacist weekly for the first five weeks of treatment, with monthly follow-ups for the duration of the therapy.

Specialised Therapeutics CEO Carlo Montagner said the program was in line with the company's ongoing commitment to patients.

"This is about reassurance... we want all patients who are being administered our products to feel supported, as well as to ensure treatment is properly initiated and managed so that the best therapeutic outcomes are achieved," Montagner said.

The program kicked off on Fri in relation to a new medicine that

DUSC outcomes

THE Drug Utilisation Subcommittee of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee has published the outcomes from its latest meeting in late Sep, reviewing febusostat, hepatitis C medicines, ruxolitinib and bevacizumab - see pbs.gov.au.

treats HER2 overexpressing early-stage breast cancer.

The drug is being made available to Australian oncologists at no cost under a strictly controlled patient access program while it undergoes regulatory evaluation by the TGA.

"We know many patients live in regional and remote communities and can encounter challenges when it comes to immediate support.

"To this end we have engaged a team of experienced pharmacists who will implement regular well-being calls to help our patients during therapy and address any other queries or concerns that may arise," the ST CEO said.

Patients will also be able to telephone a pharmacist for advice at any time during business hours.

Pharmacy Phusion Group Professional Manager Mark Silcock said pharma companies around the world can benefit from having an expert pharmacist team supporting their medications, with their role ultimately leading to improved adherence.



Weekly Comment

Welcome to Pharmacy Daily's weekly comment feature.

This week's contributor

is **Judy Cheung-Wood, SkinB5 Founder & Managing Director.**



The rise of superfood powders

THE increase of superfood products on the market caters to consumer demand for a multidimensional approach to skin health and wellness.

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