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"New era" for Gold Cross

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Pharmacy Daily today has three pages of news including our weekly Health & Beauty feature plus a full page from Pharmacy 4 Less.

Cannabis and nausea

RUSHING to use medicinal cannabis for chemotherapyinduced nausea and vomiting (CINV) simply because it has become available is not always going to be the best option, because patients may miss out on effective treatments, according to an article published in MJA InSight this week.

Cancer Council Australia **CEO Professor Sanchia Aranda** explained, "Cannabis is not without its own side effects, and that needs to be considered."

In addition, current international and national clinical practice guidelines suggest there is insufficient evidence to recommend medicinal cannabis for routine use in this indication. See doctorportal.com.au for more.

THE recent acquisition of the Guild's Gold Cross product range by iNova Pharmaceuticals has been said to usher in a "new era of collaboration that is set to refresh the iconic portfolio".

Singapore-based iNova acquired the brand along with Skin Basics and David Craig from ASX-listed Probiotec, paying \$13.5m in a deal which settled last month.

The Gold Cross range is made in Australia and is exclusively supported and endorsed by the Guild, currently comprising more than 50 pharmacy-only products.

iNova has distributed the range for some years, with iNova CEO Dan Spira saying the acquisition creates opportunities to "more effectively adapt and promote" the products.

Spira said the iNova team was currently reviewing and refreshing the range to optimise the portfolio for a new generation of consumers.

"We want to work with the Guild to re-build the presence of this range in-pharmacy," he said, while also flagging the potential to

expand international distribution of the Gold Cross products.

"We believe the range has untapped potential in Asia, where there is a strong demand for established, Australianmanufactured brands," Spira said. Pharmacy Guild of Australia

National President George Tambassis said the deal with iNova was an exciting turning point.

"The Gold Cross range has long been a trusted choice for both pharmacist and consumers alike," Tambassis said.

Gold Cross Products & Services Pty Ltd is a fully owned subsidiary of the Guild which endorses products and services badged with the Guild logo, which has featured on Gold Cross items since 1962.

Income received by the Guild for the use of the Gold Cross branding will continue to support the Guild's activities in promoting community pharmacy, particularly in developing new initiatives and expanding the role of pharmacists, Tambassis said.

Pharmaco expansion

PHARMACO Australia Limited has launched two new blood glucose meters - the CareSens Dual for both glucose and ketone measurement, and the CareSens N Premier.

The additions boost the Pharmaco range to five products, giving people with diabetes more choice for managing their daily health, the company said.

The extended range and their associated test strips are launching in response to the appointment of Pharmaco as a provider under the National Diabetes Services Scheme for its revised schedule (PD Mon).

More info at pharmaco.com.au.

Swisse singles success

SWISSE has been crowned the number one health brand and imported consumer brand across all industries by Chinese online giant Alibaba's TMall International.

Swisse was the top selling brand during China's Singles Day shopping festival this week, with a live stream of the Swisse campaign launch viewed by 1.25m people.

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THE Australian Government has budgeted \$300,000 to help the Gidget Foundation support expectant and new parents experiencing perinatal depression and anxiety.

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The award recognises Long and Scolyer's contribution to melanoma diagnosis, treatment and patient care globally.

The honoured researchers say they see the introduction of immuno-oncology as the "penicillin moment" that will turn all cancers into a treatable condition.

By advancing novel treatments

Fish oil lubricates **V**s

HIGH doses of omega-3 in the form of fish oil 4g per day have been shown to provide some protection against heart attack, stroke, and the need for bypass surgery, according to a new study.

Conducted in 11 countries and involving more than 8,000 participants all taking statins and followed-up for 4.9 years, the study was a double-blind randomised trial named REDUCE-IT.

It was presented this week at the American Heart Association Scientific Sessions in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

A key difference with this and previous studies on the subject was the high dose of fish-oil, compensating for its poor absorption, said Australian Heart Foundation Board Member and cardiologist Associate Professor David Colguhoun.

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like targeted therapies and immunotherapies, the research team believe that no deaths from melanoma could be a reality within a generation.

The GSK Award for Research Excellence will provide \$80,000 in research funding.

Guild welcomes share scheme changes

NEW enhancements to employee share schemes announced by the Government yesterday have been hailed by the Pharmacy Guild, with Executive Director David Quilty noting that such arrangements are common in community pharmacy.

The small business-friendly changes aim to simplify the rules, allowing so-called "contribution plans" and lowering requirements to disclose sensitive information.

AusCann appoints

LISTED medicinal cannabis firm AusCann Group Holdings has appointed TGA-licensed PCI Pharma to produce its first product line, with the hard-shell capsules for chronic pain to launch in H1 2019.

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Dispensary Corner

YOU'VE heard of microchipped pets - but what about humans?

Union and employer groups in the UK have raised the alarm about an apparent trend towards having Near Field Communication (NFC) devices implanted in staff.

According to *The Guardian*, there is a "small but growing market" for contactless chips to be embedded in the name of "security and convenience".

One of the providers is Swedish firm Biohax, which claims to have microchipped about 4,000 people and is working with the country's government-owned rail operator to allow travellers to use their implants rather than train tickets.

Employer organisation the Confederation of British Industry said "firms should be concentrating on rather more immediate priorities and focusing on engaging their employees".



POPEYE, eat your heart out.

The famous cartoon character reportedly gets his super strength from consuming spinach - and there was plenty of it on a highway in Ohio in the USA this week after a produce truck lost its massive load of the green stuff.

According to the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the semi-trailer overturned after the driver attempted to correct a swerve, spilling its contents right across several lanes.

A major traffic jam ensued, with police currently investigating the high-iron incident.

Health, Beauty and New Products

Metalize Lip Kit by DB Cosmetics

Add some molten magic to your lips with **Metalize Lip Kit**, a five-shade liquid lipstick set. With a creamy

texture when

applied, these

metallized shades

dry down for a

long-wearing finish and have a delectable chocolate scent. Shades include: Gilded Gold, Peach Platinum, Rose Renegade, Brazed Burgundy and Scorched

Scarlet. The kit allows you to outline lips with the tip of the applicator and then fill in with the angled part of the applicator. A second coat can be applied after a few seconds drying time.

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Curash Multi-Purpose Healing

Cream is a gentle cream designed to soothe and help protect against common baby skin complaints such as neck and dribble rash, dry and chafed skin, mild dermatitis and minor abrasions. Formulated for use on the face and sensitive areas of the skin, Curash Multi-Purpose Healing Cream rubs in clear with no residue and is suitable for delicate newborn skin as well as other family members, including the elderly. This product is also fragrance- and colour-free.

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