



Flu vax supplies get shot in the arm

AUSTRALIA'S influenza vaccine stocks are set to get a second boost in a week, with an additional 413,000 doses expected to become available in the coming days.

The news follows Minister for Health, Greg Hunt's announcement that Sanofi had arranged for 400,000 doses (**PD** 30 May) for the private market, which were to be distributed this week, as the country grapples with a severe start to the flu season.

A Pharmacy Guild of Australia spokesperson said "some pharmacies have reported they are getting low on stock", but added that a fresh supply of vaccines was on its way when responding to reports that a lot of chemists had run out of the vaccine.

"Community pharmacies have experienced heavy demand for flu

shots because of the severity, and early onset, of the flu this year, and demand is expected to remain high," the spokesperson said.

"This week 412,930 doses of Fluquadi [Sanofi's adult quadrivalent vaccine] arrived for the private market and have been released by Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)," the spokesperson said.

"The TGA has received a request to approve another batch of 413,675 doses for the private market and these are expected to be available shortly, meaning nearly 830,000 extra doses are available for the private market."

A spokesperson for Sanofi confirmed that it had secured the additional doses.

"Demand for influenza vaccines continues to be very high and

Sanofi is doing all that it can to meet the needs of its private market customers," she said.

"Given continued demand we have now secured a further 400,000 and are working with the TGA to release these to the market as soon as possible. Given recent public concern regarding potential influenza vaccine shortages we would encourage our pharmacy and other private market customers to stay in close touch with our wholesalers over coming weeks."

The additional stock will take the number of doses of flu vaccines available to the Australian market close to 13 million this year, with 7.5 million provided through the National Immunisation Program and a further five million administered through pharmacies and other private providers.

No PD on Mon

WITH the Queen's Birthday celebrations on Mon 11 Jun, **Pharmacy Daily** will be taking a brief publication break.

The next edition of **PD** will be landing in your inbox on Tue 11 Jun. **PD** wishes you a safe weekend.

TWC in AfterPay trial

PATIENTS shopping at select Queensland-based TerryWhite Chemmart stores will be able to use AfterPay for purchases as part of a trial of the platform in pharmacy.

As part of the trial, customers will be able buy products and pay for them over four fortnightly instalments.

"Afterpay is running a trial with TerryWhite Chemmart in five pharmacy locations in QLD, in addition to having online relationships with a number of providers," a spokesperson for AfterPay told **Pharmacy Daily**.

"Following the trial, we will

review feedback from pharmacists and customers before seeking to expand AfterPay to other pharmacy providers.

"It is still early days for the trial and we are very pleased with customer feedback.

"Following the trial, we will review feedback from pharmacists and customers and seek to expand the offering to other pharmacy providers."

The post-payment platform is also available for shoppers making online purchases with ChemistDirect.com.au, Pharmacy Online and Chemist Warehouse.

Self-Care Federation

THE World Self-Medication Industry (WSMI) has been rebranded as the Global Self-Care Federation (GSCF), Consumer Healthcare Products Australia has announced.

GSCF says, "Self-care is a lifelong habit and culture.

"It is the practice of individuals looking after their own health based on the knowledge and information available to them.

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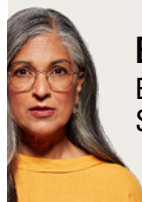
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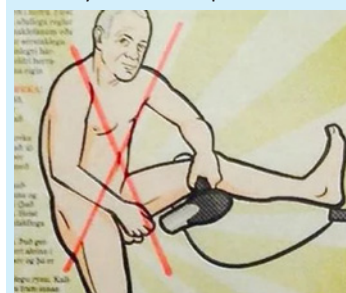
Dispensary Corner

HEY fellas, we're not really sure why you'd want to, but a swimming pool in Iceland has formally banned the use of hairdryers on your genitals.

The "bizarre new habit" was the subject of a letter to the editor published in a local newspaper, which urged swimmers; "Don't dry your ball sack or your butt with the communal hairdryer in the swimming pool or the gym."

"Bald older gentlemen with hairy torsos must either bring their own blow-dryers or just buy a more absorbent towel."

The pool promptly responded by publishing a notice - complete with a helpful graphic (**below**) to formally outlaw the practice.



HERE'S an opportunity to target a new demographic in your pharmacy - teenage boys.

Software giant Microsoft has confirmed that its Xbox gaming division is set to launch a new range of hygiene products in Australia and New Zealand.

The products, including body spray, body wash and deodorant, are being created in partnership with Lynx, which noted that the Xbox items have a "fresh scent of pulsing green citrus...and a range of natural essential oils" - the ideal accompaniment to blowing someone away on Fortnite.

Pharmacy student jailed

A FORMER pharmacy student will spend at least 27 years behind bars after being found guilty of engaging in a terrorist act.

Ihsas Khan had been a high achieving student at the University of Sydney's School of Pharmacy when he repeatedly stabbed Wayne Greenhalgh with a 30cm hunting knife, on 10 Sep 2016 near his home in Minto, NSW.

Documents for the Supreme Court of NSW revealed the day before the attack Khan had conducted searches of his laptop, which centred upon extremist ideologies and violence, including an article headlined, "Islamic State urges lone wolf terrorists to kill Australians".

The court papers reported that Khan claimed he had viewed the material "to inspire and motivate him to commit the offence".

During the course of the trial, it was revealed that Khan had purchased the knife in Feb 16, and under cross-examination denied he intended to use it in a terrorist attack, but said, "I was planning on using it on Jewish

students in the University...I don't think it would be a terrorist attack, it would just be murder".

Khan claimed he was not motivated by revenge for Israel's actions in Palestine, but denied he wanted to make a political point, saying he was "just following my emotions".

The court heard Khan was a "highly intelligent man", and had received a number of credits and high distinctions during the course of his pharmacy studies.

It was also revealed that Khan had been charged with larceny and destroying property, including an Australian flag.

Khan had also claimed he suffered from a mental illness at the time of the incident, however, Justice Geoffrey Bellew, said it was not connected to the offending.

Justice Bellew sentenced Khan to 36 years imprisonment, commencing 10 Sep 2016, with a non-parole period of 27 years, making him eligible for release on 10 Sep 2043.

NortriTabs approved

APOTEX'S NortriTabs (nortriptyline) have been listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), to ensure continuity of treatment for patients suffering from major depression.

NortriTabs has been a flagged as interchangeable with Arrow Pharm's Allegron.



Events Calendar

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22 - 23 Jun: SHPA Electronic Medication Management Conference; Novotel Manly Pacific, Manly, NSW; register here: www.shpa.eventsair.com

28 - 30 Jun: ConPharm 2019; Pullman on the Park Melbourne; for details see: www.aacp.com.au

26 - 28 Jul: PSA19; Hyatt Regency Sydney; registrations now open: www.psa19.com

04 - 07 Aug: Medici Capital Pharmacy Snow Business Conference 2019; Mt Buller, Victoria; register your interest here: www.medici.com.au

05 - 07 Sep: Pharmacy Connect; Hilton Hotel, Sydney; for details and to register visit: www.pharmacy-connect.com.au

11 - 13 Oct: Pharmacy Assistant National Conference; Sofitel Brisbane Central; for more info and to register see: www.pharmacyassistants.com

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