

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has three pages of news including our weekly Health & Beauty feature.

RACGP slams Tas vax

THE Royal Australian College of General Practitioners has warned that lowering the pharmacist influenza vaccination age to ten years (**PD** 20 May) under the Tasmanian Government's Winter Demand Management Plan 2019 could "put young patients at risk".

RACGP President, Harry Nespolon, described the move as "baffling," adding that "there is no reason for these patients to visit a pharmacy for this healthcare service".

Pharmacy Guild Tasmanian Branch President, John Dowling, slammed the RACGP's "predictable" response, saying the unfounded claims are "simply untrue, and are quite frankly getting old and stale".

He said community pharmacists were making a real difference in keeping people well and out of hospitals, adding that "instead of focusing on fabrications and spreading vitriol, the RACGP should be out there promoting vaccinations as the best way to protect people from the flu".

Mylan buys Aspen range

THE Australian generics sector is set for another shake-up, with Mylan to pay \$188 million for Aspen Pharmacare's local range of prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) products.

The move follows a Dec agreement between the companies which saw Aspen products distributed by Mylan's local offshoot, Alphapharm.

That deal included an option for Mylan to acquire the portfolio, which has now been exercised.

The products that are the subject of the distribution and acquisition deal recorded sales of A\$55 million for the year to 30 Jun 2018.

Of the \$188 million for the portfolio, \$93 million is payable by 29 May 2019, followed by \$30 million in Jan 2020 and up to \$65 million payable in Sep 2020, with the value of the final payment "contingent on Aspen satisfying certain conditions".

Aspen also noted it had discontinued or terminated several third party licenses in Australia.

Aspen said the divestment was in line with its ongoing approach to portfolio management and its intention to "not only acquire value enhancing products, but to also

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APC appointments

THE Australian Pharmacy Council has announced the re-appointment of four directors to its Board.

All four have been appointed for a second term of three years starting when existing appointments expire through 2019.

The directors are Associate Professor Sue Kirska, current APC Chair and Director of Pharmacy at Monash Health; Emeritus Professor Nicolas Glasgow from the Australian National University; Professor Rhonda Clifford from the University of Western Australia; and ACT-based community pharmacist Amanda Galbraith.

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Mikakos meets Vic Guild



VICTORIAN Minister for Health, Jenny Mikakos, recently paid a visit to the Victorian branch of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia to engage with Branch Committee members, **pictured** above with the Health Minister (in pink).

Guild Branch President, Anthony Tassone, said, "It was great to discuss opportunities to fully utilise pharmacists to their full scope, collaboration with other health professionals in delivering patient care and important public health initiatives such as SafeScript".

Hair Tonic recall

GLOBAL Therapeutics has announced a recall of all batches and pack sizes of its Fusion Hair Tonic and Oriental Botanicals Hairpro capsules, following reports of severe liver injury.

The recall follows an investigation by the Therapeutic Goods Administration which found potential liver dangers to people who consume products containing *Fallopia multiflora*, the active ingredient in the items being recalled - tga.gov.au.

Win with Carmex

Each day this week Pharmacy Daily and Carmex are giving away the pictured prize pack valued at over \$60!



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Hospitals slam PBS complexity

A REVIEW of the use of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) medications in Australian hospitals has highlighted significant variations in approaches to procuring PBS medicines as well as prescribing, dispensing and claiming models.

Key issues raised by stakeholders included ongoing and worsening supply shortages, along with a push to mandate the integration of electronic prescribing on discharge.

The review highlighted that public hospitals, private hospitals and community pharmacies all receive different reimbursements for similar activities, due to inconsistencies in S90 and S94 hospital pharmacy fees, compounding fees and hospital wholesaler mark-up arrangements.

This can result in a lack of fairness and "provides for potential gaming of the system," the report said.

Hospital pharmacies sometimes

faced issues where patients presented with scripts they cannot dispense, causing confusion and frustration as well as inhibiting patient-centred care.

There was also concern about the complexity of programs such as the S100 Efficient Funding of Chemotherapy arrangements, and inconsistent access rules for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population.

View the full report at pbs.gov.au.

Flu explainer launch

NPS MedicineWise has launched a new "explainer" article for consumers, providing evidence-based information to answer questions about flu vaccinations.

NPS MedicineWise Medical Advisor and GP, Dr Jill Thistlethwaite said the take-home message was that "annual vaccination is recommended for everyone over six months of age".

The article covers who is most at risk of flu, who should be vaccinated against it and why an annual immunisation is required even if you had one last year.

The safety of the vaccines in Australia, the impact of age on the vaccine efficacy, and where to find more resources, along with state-by-state and territory-specific information - visit nps.org.au.

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Dispensary Corner

BABY brain is clearly a thing, if the example of a hapless pair of new parents is any indication.

Exhilarated - but perhaps exhausted - after the birth of their newborn, the German couple accidentally forgot to take the baby out of a taxi taking them home from the hospital.

Police in Hamburg said the parents took the infant's one-year-old sibling out of the vehicle, paid the driver and said goodbye, only realising something was wrong as the taxi drove away.

The father tried to catch the cabbie's attention on foot but failed, with the driver completely oblivious to his sleeping stowaway parking the taxi in an underground garage while he went to have some lunch.

He then picked up a fare at the airport, at which stage the infant "made its presence known," so he called the police who managed to reunite the baby with its extremely relieved parents.

SURELY they could have come up with a healthier option.

Fast food giant Burger King has announced it will begin a new delivery service for drivers stuck in Los Angeles' notoriously terrible traffic jams.

Motorcyclists will deliver "piping hot food" to gridlocked vehicles within a 3km radius from any Burger King outlet, according to a CBS LA report.

Travellers will not need to touch their phones to satisfy the munchies, with a new Burger King app able to accept voice commands for each order, and relay the driver's exact location to the delivery staff.

Health, Beauty and New Products

Welcome to our weekly promoted feature with all the latest health, beauty and new products for pharmacy.

Suppliers wanting to promote products in this feature should email newproducts@pharmacydaily.com.au

Magnesium and cucumber for pain

Abundant Natural Health's new range of products pair 99.9% natural, highly concentrated, certified organic magnesium with cucumber extract which is high in citric acid. This innovative duo helps relieve muscle aches, pains and cramps. The world's first **Magnesium Gel** and **Magnesium Spray** using the powerful exfoliating properties of citric acid to allow for maximum absorption of highly concentrated magnesium. The airless gel bottle and pump action spray makes application easy and absorption fast.



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Glow Glittering Sugar Scrub by DB



Designer Brands (DB) brings to market a stunning addition to add to your bathroom routine in the form of its new

Glow Glittering Sugar Scrub. This amazing product has the exfoliating power of brown sugar to buff and exfoliate and is enriched with GLOW ingredients: grapeseed oil, liquorice root extract, orchid extract and willow herb. Furthermore, DB Glow Glittering Sugar Scrub contains aloe vera, almond oil and vitamin E for additional nourishment. This scrub is presented with a delightful vanilla and sandalwood scent.

Stockist: 1300 765 332
RRP: \$14.99
Website: www.dbcosmetics.com.au

Tropicana Nail Polish Collection

COLOUR by TBN Tropicana Nail Polish Collection is a 2019 new nail polish collection of 12 bright and bold shades inspired by tropical locations. The vegan and cruelty-free shades include seven opaque shades, two marbled metallics and three glitter shades with large and small reflective pieces. Designed to stand out as you step out, into any variety of social or business engagements, the Tropicana Nail Polish Collection can transport your image to places you can dream of, any hour of day or night.



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