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Free UTI training in NSW

NSW community pharmacists can now access free training to allow them to offer treatment for uncomplicated urinary tract infections (UTIs).

The training, which will be offered through the Australasian College of Pharmacy, will provide pharmacists with the necessary training to take part in the NSW Govt's imminent state-wide trial of UTI treatment by pharmacists.

The training will consist of a short online training module delivered through the College, and will be complimentary for all community pharmacists in NSW.

Participating pharmacies will also be required to register their expression of interest via a form to participate in the trial with the University of Newcastle.

The trial's objective is to improve patients' access to everyday healthcare, offering patients an option to seek treatment for UTIs when they are unable to access a GP, stated the Guild.

"We're very excited to see training for this trial begin," said NSW Guild branch President, David Heffernan.

"People who have been forced to choose between suffering from a UTI while they wait for a doctor's appointment or presenting at an

emergency department now have another option.

"This will make a real difference to people's lives," said Heffernan.

College President Michelle Bou-Samra explained that "the College's uncomplicated cystitis treatment course fulfils the training requirements for NSW Health's state-wide pilot.

"As the leading education provider...our aim is to ensure NSW community pharmacists have access to the latest information."

The trial will be expanded in Jul to allow appropriately trained pharmacists to renew prescriptions of oral contraceptives and will be followed by a state-wide pilot of pharmacists treating a wider range of minor ailments.

"Learn more **HERE**."

Piqued interest

WIZARD Pharmacy wraps up APP2023 and is delighted with the interest its franchise has generated for all those who attended their stand.

See more on the **back page**.

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Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features three pages of news, plus a cover page from **Melrose** and a full page from **Wizard**.

Jakavi gets listed

NOVARTIS' Jakavi (ruxolitinib), a JAK1/2 inhibitor, is now listed on the PBS for patients aged 12 years and older with acute or chronic graft-versus-host disease (GvHD), who have inadequate response to corticosteroids or other systemic treatments.

Jakavi is a first-in-class treatment option for patients living with acute or chronic GvHD, offering an alternative to the standard approach of using high dose steroids, which can have serious side effects, especially when used long term.



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New Amcal Chair

AMCAL has appointed experienced pharmacist Angela Boyatzis as the new Chair of the Amcal Guardian National Council (AGNC).

The AGNC is a representative body of pharmacists working alongside Sigma Healthcare's senior management to continually evolve Amcal's customer experience, and future brand development.

Working at Sigma Healthcare group since 2008, Boyatzis has over 25 years of pharmacy industry experience spanning community, hospital, and education to her role as Chair.

Commenting on her new appointment, Boyatzis, said it's an honour to be the first woman to chair the Council, and is eager to be working alongside fellow council members to spearhead the growth of Amcal.

"This scope is only set to grow, and we want to remain steady at the forefront of this evolving industry through providing our pharmacy teams with the right education and training programs. We need innovative, contemporary, and sustainable solutions to healthcare. It's what franchise partners demand from us, and what we demand of ourselves in representing Amcals nationwide.

In addition to Angela Boyatzis, Lili Cosic, owner and pharmacist at Amcal Corrimal Court is now the AGNC's Deputy Chair.

AFL coaches back trial

WITH the AFL season underway, AFL players and premierships coaches Alastair Clarkson (pictured) and Chris Scott have voiced support for more research into uses of medicinal cannabis as they highlight the effects of injuries from years of playing, resulting in conditions including chronic pain and concussion.

Both Clarkson and Scott have backed sports science company Levin Health as it prepares to commence its clinical trial with La Trobe University testing the effects of medicinal cannabis for chronic, musculoskeletal pain.

Clarkson has been vocal in sharing his battle with chronic pain over the past year, joining the Levin Health Sports Advisory Board, to help break down the stigma associated with medicinal cannabis.

Fellow Levin Health Advisory Board Member Dr James Stewart, has authored a submission on behalf of Levin Health to the Federal Government's Senate Community Affairs Committee inquiring about concussion and head trauma in sports and the potential of medicinal cannabis as a treatment option.

This submission recommends a



randomised-controlled trial to credibly demonstrate whether medicinal cannabis can play a significant role in treating patients with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

The news comes following the AFL's pledge to fund a study into the long-term effects of concussions and head knocks on players, and will begin recruiting participants this year for the 10-year study.

The AFL has also lodged a submission to an ongoing senate inquiry into the effects of head trauma sustained in contact sports.

Autism self-check

COINCIDING with the start of World Autism Awareness Month in Apr, Flinders University Prof of Psychology Robyn Young said, "many older Australians are now going online and finding ways to self-diagnose to negotiate the best support and health services but this could lead to a misdiagnosis".

"When I first started researching autism, the incidence was about one in 1,000 people and now has risen to around one in 60.

"While part of this is due to increased education and awareness, the criteria has also been broadened.

"And with funding often linked to the diagnosis, diagnoses are being sought to enable people to access services."

Young says it's unfortunate that services, including the NDIS, remain 'diagnosis driven', and as such leads to "money being spent on diagnoses rather than recognising the heterogeneity of the condition and the needs of the individual - irrespective of diagnosis".

PBS asthma med

AXOTIDE Junior and **Flixotide** Junior (fluticasone propionate 50 microgram per dose, 120 actuations) for the prophylactic management of asthma has has revised PBS restrictions.

Find more information [HERE](#).

Expanded listing

BIOMARIN has announced the expanded listing of **Kuvan** (sapropterin dihydrochloride) on the PBS for treatment-responsive adults with the rare metabolic disorder, phenylketonuria or PKU.

Nucala for adults

GSK'S Nucala (mepolizumab), is listed as an add-on treatment for adults 18+ with chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps (CRSwNP) that is severe, eosinophilic and recurrent post-surgery.

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Dispensary Corner

A BELGIAN family is mourning an absolutely tragic incident in which a husband and father ended his life, apparently after being "encouraged to sacrifice himself to stop climate change" by an artificial intelligence chatbot.

His widow told local news outlet *La Libre* that the man "became extremely eco-anxious" when he found refuge in Eliza, an AI personality on an app called Chai.

Aged in his 30s, the man reportedly worked as a health researcher and led a comfortable life, until he became obsessed with environmental issues.

"He placed all his hopes in technology and AI," his bereaved wife said, saying the man took comfort in discussions with Eliza, who became a confidante according to the *La Libre* report.

The newspaper reviewed records of the online conversations, noting that Eliza appeared to worsen the man's anxiety and ultimately engendered suicidal thoughts.

"He proposes the idea of sacrificing himself if Eliza agrees to take care of the planet and save humanity through artificial intelligence," the report noted.

His widow claims the chatbot, which also seemed jealous of his other relationships, encouraged him to kill himself to "join her so they could live together as one person in paradise".

The incident has led to urgent calls for more regulation of the emerging technology.

APC seeks feedback

FEEDBACK is being sought by the Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) on draft accreditation standards for the education programs that will credential pharmacists to work in aged care and conduct medication management reviews.

People can attend APC's public forum to discuss and provide comments on the standards on Wed 26 Apr in Adelaide.

The APC explained that the Department of Health and Aged Care had engaged the organisation to develop accreditation standards and a new system that will provide a framework for national oversight of training and credentialing of pharmacists to be eligible to conduct Medication Management Reviews such as HMRs and RMMRs and to be engaged under the Aged Care On-site Pharmacist initiative.

Under the guidance of an Expert Advisory Group, APC has prepared an initial set of draft standards and an indicative role description that will inform the development of a performance outcomes framework.

This framework will be used by education providers to assess whether a pharmacist has achieved and demonstrated the competencies required to

undertake these roles, stated the Council.

The feedback provided on the draft accreditation standards and an indicative role description will be published by the APC shortly.

The public consultation will run from mid-Apr to early May. Learn more [HERE](#).

Pricing reduced

COMMENCING from now, the price of NovoRapid (insulin aspart) as listed under item code 8571D on the PBS has been reduced.

The price for 8571D that appears in the 01 Apr PBS Schedule is incorrect.

Pharmacists can see the following erratum which has been published to correct the pricing of this brand in the PBS Schedule for 01 Apr.

Pricing information for NovoRapid in the above erratum supersedes any previous pricing information published on this website.

The correct pricing will appear in the PBS Schedule for 01 May.

Weekly Comment

Welcome to Pharmacy Daily's weekly comment feature. This week's contributor is **Amit Saha, Innovation Manager, LaCorium Health.**



Manage Excessive Sweating

SWEATING is a process that helps regulate body temperature and remove toxins from the body. However, for some, sweating can become excessive and interfere with daily activities. If you're someone who struggles with this, here are some tips to help manage your sweat.

1. Use an antiperspirant.

Antiperspirants work by blocking or shrinking sweat ducts, which reduces the amount of sweat that reaches the skin's surface. Aluminium-based antiperspirants are common but may be associated with Alzheimer's and a few other health concerns. Use an aluminium-free antiperspirant if possible.

2. Manage stress.

Stress can trigger sweating. Managing stress can help reduce sweating. Try relaxation techniques such as meditation or yoga.

3. Avoid sweat triggers. Avoid spicy foods, caffeine and alcohol as they can increase sweating.

4. Consider medical treatment. Consider talking to your doctor about medical treatment options, botox injections and surgery are other options for excessive sweating.

Excessive sweating can be frustrating, but there are many ways to manage sweat, reduce excessive sweating and regain your confidence.

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What an incredible few days connecting with new and existing suppliers, pharmacy owners and esteemed members of our industry. Thank you to everyone who visited our stand. It was such a pleasure to talk about the magic of the Wizard Pharmacy franchise model and and see your interest pique after hearing what we do.

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