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Today's issue of PD

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Beauty & Wellness

WE HAVE launched our dedicated beauty and wellness page for pharmacy staff with news across this sector.

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APC opens accreditation consultation

THE Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) has opened a formal consultation period on the new draft accreditation standards which will apply to the education programs that will give pharmacists credentials to work in aged care and conduct medication management reviews (*PD* 03 Apr).

Public feedback is sought by Wed 10 May, either through the previously announced Stakeholder Forum taking place next week, or via an online survey or written submissions.

APC CEO Bronwyn Clark said the standards were being created for the benefit of some of the most vulnerable people in the Australian community.

"We must put older Australians, their needs, and their safety at the very centre of the development process," she said.

"They are a group of people that deserve protection."

"We're keeping what's worked well in the past, and introducing



improvements in other areas," Clark highlighted, adding that "in doing so we aim to create standards that result in quality healthcare for people and support for families and carers."

The draft standards note that registered pharmacists enrolling in programs will have a variety of levels of experience, competency

and training, urging that "clear and transparent information and processes for recognition of prior learning should be made available to learners".

Core competencies expected of registered pharmacists include interprofessional collaboration and communication, with providers told they should consider including interprofessional learning (IPL) in the context of the training program.

"For example, IPL in a residential aged care home should include an understanding of the roles of personal care workers and other non-health care staff and how to work together to improve outcomes for consumers," the draft accreditation standards state.

The draft standards, consultation paper and feedback survey are all online at pharmacycouncil.org.au.

The APC noted it had already seen high interest in the Stakeholder Consultation Forum which is scheduled for next Wed 26 Apr at a venue near Adelaide Airport.



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API targeting SILK Laser

AUSTRALIAN Pharmaceutical Industries is conducting due diligence on ASX-listed beauty clinic chain SILK Laser Australia, as part of a \$169 million all-cash indicative offer for the 140-outlet business.

The move is being conducted under the Wesfarmers Health banner, of which API is now a key component following its acquisition by the conglomerate just over 12 months ago (PD 31 Mar 2022).

“SILK is one of the largest non-surgical aesthetics clinic operators in Australia and New Zealand, with a network of over 140 clinics,” Wesfarmers said yesterday.

“If the Indicative Proposal is successful, SILK will become part of the Wesfarmers Health division, and will complement the division’s existing presence in the sector through its ownership and operation of Clear Skincare Clinics,” the company noted.

API acquired Clear Skincare about

five years ago (PD 25 Jun 2018) as part of a strategy to move into the aesthetics and injectables sector, with the business at the time having 44 clinics along with its in-house exclusive skincare range.

Under the SILK takeover proposal Wesfarmers has been granted a 30 day exclusivity period, with the SILK Board of Directors confirming to API that it intends to unanimously recommend the deal to its shareholders.

The proposal is an all-cash deal worth \$3.15 per share, representing a 30% premium to the SILK share price prior to the deal being announced yesterday.

SILK Laser Australia was founded in 2009 in South Australia, and received private equity backing in 2016 prior to listing on the ASX in mid-2020, making a series of competitor acquisitions along the way to grow its footprint on both sides of the Tasman.

AI diagnostic tool for heart diagnosis

A NEW AI technology EchoSolv developed in Australia by ASX-listed company EchoIQ is transforming the way severe aortic stenosis (AS) is diagnosed.

A company spokesperson said the misdiagnosis of AS affects up to 50,000 Australians a year.

“Cardiologists typically review 40 to 60 echo-cardiographic measures and images and manually scan for 12-15 common problems and several rare ones.

“The process is prone to human error and bias, resulting in up to 50% of severe conditions not being identified and gender bias sees up to 66% of women not being identified,” the spokesperson said.

EchoIQ conducted a study with 9,189 patients at St Vincent’s Hospital in Melbourne and Sydney which shows that of the patients studied, 218 individuals (representing 2.4% of the study group) had been diagnosed, as per routine clinical care, with

guideline-defined severe aortic stenosis.

When EchoSolv was applied to the same group of patients, it identified 376 individuals (representing 4.1% of the study group) with guideline-defined AS.

EchoSolv picked up an additional 72% of patients meeting the guidelines for AS, none of whom had been diagnosed with that severity of disease by routine clinical practice (humans alone).

The study also revealed a difference in the way women had been identified and treated.

While the study showed that similar proportions of men and women had guideline-defined AS, it also revealed that women were 66% less likely to have been accurately diagnosed than men, using human-only assessment, and 50% less likely to receive intervention than men which reinforces the need for unbiased identification of the disease.

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NEW

Editor's Choice: discover sustainably-sourced My Way Parfum

ARMANI Beauty My Way Parfum, is an elegant *eau de parfum* for women that will launch on 01 May.

A bright white floral bouquet is encapsulated in a talisman bottle, a metaphor for the world.

To get the most out of the fragrance, apply the Armani My Way Le Parfum on damp skin and spray on the wrist, inner elbow and neck.

My Way is the scent of discoveries and connections for an open-minded, curious and authentic woman who is ready to broaden her horizons and live meaningful encounters around the world.

This fragrance is an encounter of

consciously sourced ingredients.

Bergamot meets orange blossom from Egypt in a luminous, sparkling start, with an amplified bright floral bouquet of tuberose and jasmine from India as the beating heart.

Finally, a vibrant cedarwood from Virginia meets a sensual vanilla from Madagascar and white musks as base notes.

The blue and gold cap is a metaphor of the world signifying the universal colour that unites all of us.

It is englobed by a golden ring, stamped with the Giorgio Armani signature

This fragrance is refillable and retails for \$134.



Creative partnership



BELLA Hadid is joining Charlotte Tilbury's roster of glamorous beauty muses.

"Hadid is a generation-defining talent at the forefront of the cultural zeitgeist and I am so excited to reveal our creative partnership," said Tilbury.

"She is a modern-day beauty icon, utterly mesmerising, a true creative collaborator and just as obsessed as I am with breaking boundaries and transcending the real and virtual worlds - we adore her energy."

The makeup artist and beauty brand founder shares the same values as Hadid, which is what makes this partnership so special.

The two believe that the true power of makeup lies not in its ability to make people look good, but in the way it boosts confidence levels.

"When you feel your most beautiful and confident, you can conquer your world and make your dreams come true," adds Tilbury.

Hadid and Tilbury first met at the Prince's Trust Gala in NY last year.

"I've always known her makeup and I've always known her energy," she said.

Hadid was "genuinely obsessed" with Charlotte Tilbury makeup, making this new role a natural fit.

"I just love them all and feel incredibly lucky to get this role."

Cleanse & hydrate

SWISSPERS Earth Kind 3in1 Cleanser Infused Pads - Argan Oil & Vitamin E are dual-sided pads that allow you to both cleanse and hydrate, leaving your skin feeling nourished and moisturised.

The 3in1 pad removes waterproof makeup and mascara and the best part is, there's no need to rinse.

Dermatologically and ophthalmologically tested, these pads are suitable for sensitive skin types and even the most delicate eye area.



Kerasilk rebrands and launches a new range



AFTER a 40-year history behind them, Kerasilk is continuing its legacy with a new range and by rebranding, but with the same promise of strengthening and smoothing hair.

The new Kerasilk range is infused with vegan Silk+ Technology, a bioengineered Biomimetic Silk with high-potency ingredients in formulations that ensure each product achieves what it has set

out to do which is hair that is resilient, elastic, shiny, and soft.

Biomimetic Silk replaces conventional silk proteins, replenishing amino acids inside and outside the hair.

The brand now has four categories: Specialists, Essentials, Styling and the Kerasilk Expert range which includes the in-salon Kerasilk Keratin Smoothing Services.

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Dispensary Corner



THERE'S plenty of healthy ageing going on around the world - such as a new soccer league in Japan exclusively for octogenarians.

The fledgling over-80 division of Tokyo's "Soccer For Life" league played its first round of matches earlier this month.

Demographers say it's clear evidence of the ever-rising life expectancy in Japan, where people aged 65 and higher comprise almost a third of the 126 million-strong population.

One of the players, 93-year-old goalie Shingo Shiozawa, attributes his long life to playing the game.

"If I hadn't played soccer, I'd have been dead by now," he said, noting that the sport had motivated him to quit smoking and also aided in his recovery from spinal issues.

The league plays under special rules including 15-minute halves to allow the elderly players to catch their breath - but they also celebrate after each match with a traditional can of beer.

MEANWHILE there comes a new world record which was set in California last week, where a group of 101 skydivers aged over 60 gathered for some mid-air antics which have now been submitted to Guinness World Records.

The appropriately-named Skydivers over Sixty group successfully created a so-called "snowflake" formation on their fourth attempt, eclipsing a previous 2018 record set by 75 sixty-plus skydivers in Illinois.

GSK to acquire Bellus

GSK will acquire Bellus, a Canada-based, late-stage biopharmaceutical company with products for patients suffering from refractory chronic cough (RCC).

GSK will pay US\$14.75 (A\$22) per share of common stock in cash, representing an approximate total equity value of US\$2.0b (A\$2.98b).

The acquisition provides GSK access to camlipixant, a potential best-in-class and highly selective P2X3 antagonist currently in phase III development for the first-line treatment of adult patients with RCC, a statement explained.

It is estimated that 28 million patients suffer from chronic cough, with 10 million patients globally and six million in the United States and European Union suffering from RCC for over a year.

Luke Miels, Chief Commercial Officer, GSK said "patients suffering

from severe forms of refractory chronic cough can experience over 900 coughs daily, resulting in quality-of-life issues.

"Camlipixant, a novel, highly selective P2X3 antagonist, has the potential to be a best-in-class treatment with significant sales potential.

"This proposed acquisition complements our portfolio of specialty medicines and builds on our expertise in respiratory therapies."

Roberto Bellini, Chief Executive Officer of Bellus, said, "this acquisition recognises the value of our highly selective P2X3 antagonist camlipixant and validates the hard work and dedication of all the Bellus employees in advancing camlipixant to date".

The transaction remains subject to regulatory approvals.

Drug-resistant bacteria found in meat

NEW research aired by ABC's 7.30 Report last night revealed the presence of multi-antibiotic-resistant bacteria in chicken and pork meat sold in Australian supermarkets.

The most alarming discovery was bacteria harbouring three different variants of a gene conferring resistance to the antibiotic colistin, a life-saving drug of last resort for the most severe infections that have proven to be multi-drug resistant in hospital patients.

Animals Australia commissioned the University of Canberra's Host-Microbe Interactions Research Group to examine the level of antimicrobial-resistant bacteria in chicken and pork meat sold by

supermarket chains.

They obtained 244 raw packaged chicken and 160 raw packaged pork meat samples from Aldi, Coles, IGA and Woolworths stores across metropolitan and regional New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

The key findings include:

- 33 types of bacterial species that cause infection in humans were in the samples.
- All the bacterial species showed resistance to at least one class of antibiotics that are classified as critically or highly important by the World Health Organization.
- 12% of the bacteria found had multi-drug resistance to antibiotics used in humans.

Chair of Dementia

CURTIN University and Dementia Australia have announced the appointment of the inaugural Chair of Dementia, Prof Blossom Stephan.

Prof Bronwyn Myers, the Director of Curtin University's enAble Institute, said the creation of a Chair of Dementia would promote a dedicated focus on dementia and dementia research in Australia.

"Improving how we diagnose, treat, and care for those living with dementia is critical to helping Australians age well," Myers said.

"Stephan is a highly respected global expert in dementia and dementia research, and her appointment as the inaugural Chair of Dementia presents exciting opportunities for dementia care in Australia."

As the Chair of Dementia for Curtin University and Dementia Australia, Stephan will create and drive an ambitious research program in the prevention, detection, and care of dementia across Australia, draw new researchers into the dementia research space, and increase opportunities for national and international collaboration.

"The creation of a Chair of Dementia presents an extraordinary opportunity - for dementia research, and for education and support for people living with dementia, their families and carers," Dementia Australia CEO, Maree McCabe said.

Stephan is Prof of Neuroepidemiology and Global Ageing at the Nottingham Uni.

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