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## Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features two pages of news, plus full pages from:

- TerryWhite Chemmart
- Wizard Pharmacy

## Cares about growth

**TERRYWHITE** Chemmart's booking system aims to make it easier for customers to make appointments to its Care Clinics, and for owners to grow a variety of health services. See more on **page three**.

## Financial incentives

**WIZARD** Pharmacy is offering financial incentives to make the journey easier for aspiring pharmacy owners. The group stated it offers "better returns and a better lifestyle" through its network. See more on the **back page**.

## Vic to treat 2 skin issues

**PHARMACISTS** across Victoria will soon be able to supply treatment for two skin conditions under the next phase of the Community Pharmacist Statewide Pilot set to begin in Mar.

Victorian pharmacies that opt for the skin clinical stream and undertake additional training can treat herpes zoster (shingles) and a flare-up of mild plaque psoriasis.

The Management Protocols for the two skin conditions are now available **HERE**.

"The addition of shingles and the flare-up of mild-plaque psoriasis to the pilot will provide patients with the option to visit their trusted local community pharmacist to receive a wider range of treatment," said Guild Victorian Branch President Anthony Tassone.

More than 3,700 patients have already received treatment under the Victorian pharmacist prescribing pilot since it commenced in late Oct last year. "This is a clear demonstration

of the trust that patients have in highly trained community pharmacists to provide safe, timely and quality care for everyday conditions and healthcare needs," added Tassone.

Pharmaceutical Society of Australia Victoria President Dr Amy Page said, "pharmacists are playing an increasingly important role in managing minor ailments and uncomplicated urinary tract infections, to now include common skin conditions".

"It's important that the pharmacists participating in the program are supported with the high-quality, best-practice knowledge and skills required to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Victorians while contributing to the success of the Victorian pilot.

"PSA is building on our existing support for Victorian pharmacists, as we prepare to launch our new training program ahead of the pilot expansion." JG

## New indication

**CSL Seqirus** has confirmed that its intravenous iron therapy, Ferinject (ferric carboxymaltose), is now indicated in Australia for the treatment of iron deficiency anaemia in children aged one to 13 years when oral iron preparations are ineffective or cannot be used.

Ferinject is currently approved for use in adults and adolescents aged 14 years and older for iron deficiency.

The new approval means eligible patients 13 and under can now receive Ferinject following the diagnosis of iron deficiency anaemia based on laboratory tests in patients who meet the indication.

In Australia, it has been estimated that approximately 8% of pre-school children, 12% of pregnant women and 15% of non-pregnant women are living with anaemia.

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### Dispensary Corner

SEVERAL years ago, a seven-year-old boy in Chennai, India was found to have 526 teeth in his mouth, after complaining about the occasional toothache and jaw pain for three years.

After X-rays were finally taken, doctors discovered a sac embedded in the molar region of his lower jaw, filled with hundreds of teeth (pictured).

"The teeth were of variable sizes that ranged from smallest at 0.1mm to largest at 3mm.

"They had a small crown, enamel and a small root," explained Pratibha Ramani, the head of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at the hospital.

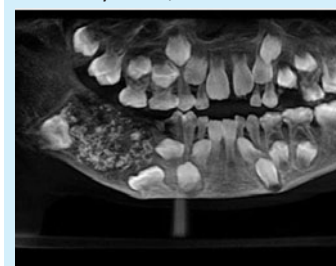
"We had to drill down into the top [of the lower jaw], make a window and remove the sac.

"As it [the sac] was going deeper into the tissue, the size of the teeth were becoming very small," he added.

According to doctors, the boy suffered from a rare benign tumour known as compound composite odontoma.

The previous case was found in a 17-year-old boy in Mumbai who had 232 teeth extracted from his mouth.

The surgery lasted two hours, and the boy was discharged three days later, with 21 teeth.



## Nasal spray trial for ED

AUSTRALIAN men are invited to be the first to trial a new nasal spray for the treatment of Erectile Dysfunction (ED) called Spontan.

The clinical study followed the debut of its founding company LTR Pharma on the ASX last year.

LTR Pharma is a Brisbane-based biotechnology company with big ambitions to bring Spontan to market in Australia and the US.

It plans to do so within as little as 12-18 months, pending approval from key regulators such as the TGA and the US FDA.

This study is an essential clinical validation point for Spontan, allowing a small group of men to trial it first.

Spontan's nasal delivery technology bypasses the digestive system and is designed to overcome the issues of oral tablets for ED by having a "significantly faster onset of action within 10 minutes" - [CLICK HERE](#) to see how it works.

The spray's key peers include

an established class of oral tablets called PDE5 inhibitors, encompassing household names like Viagra.

However, these tablets have a high discontinuation rate due to the lengthy wait time for the product to take effect, and the potential interference of normal digestion in their mechanism of action.

"Spontan is a truly innovative, fast-acting treatment for ED, which is on track to disrupt the established blockbuster oral PDE5 market," commented LTR Pharma Chair Lee Rodney.

"Current oral tablets can take up to one hour to take effect and many men are dissatisfied with the results as they don't always work or don't in the time desired.

"We welcome men in Australia to participate in this pivotal study, a crucial step in clinical validation and our expedited regulatory journey for Spontan, as we prepare to bring this product to the world."

See more information [HERE](#). JG

## CAPS calls for a gap fee for 60DD pain

WITH the 8CPA deadline drawing closer, a lead protest group stated that the Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has made "minimal effort" to secure the funding agreement for pharmacists before the 01 Mar date, and there seems to be "no plan in action".

The Community and Pharmacy Support Group (CAPS) also wanted pharmacists to be allowed to charge a gap fee, in line with other healthcare professionals, to "provide much-needed relief from the pain of 60-Day Dispensing (60DD)".

A gap fee would help to sustainably provide services

including Project Stop, SafeScript, and other vaccination services.

CAPS spokesperson Christine Kelly said, "as the deadline approaches, it is crystal clear that Butler's commitment to the 8CPA was just a faux gesture to keep pharmacists quiet for a bit and hope the outrage passes over".

"The reality is that the situation is getting worse for pharmacists as the effects of 60DD become more visible and pronounced each day," Kelly explained.

"It's a mess that Butler produced, that threatens the health of the community, and one that he has no motivation to clean up."

### Guild Update

## New rules apply to gender pay gap data

THIS time next week the Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA) will publish its latest gender pay gap data.

The information will be published based on data collected from 01 Apr 2022 to 31 Mar 2023.

It's a timely reminder that more pharmacies will be impacted by new rules for data collection in the upcoming reporting period.

This year an employer with 100 employees or more will be made to collect the pay data from 01 Apr this year to 31 Mar next year for the 2024/25 report.

This applies to stand-alone organisations with at least 100 employees or a corporate entity with a minimum of 100 employees.

This is important to pharmacy owners who own more than one pharmacy.

For example, a pharmacist who owns four pharmacies with an average of 25 employees in each pharmacy will have to collect data because the total number of employees is 100 or more.

If you're a Pharmacy Guild of Australia member and you want pharmacy-specific advice relating to this issue, you can email the Guild's Workplace Relations team at: [nationalwr@guild.org.au](mailto:nationalwr@guild.org.au).

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The booking systems provided by TerryWhite Chemmart also make it easy for customers to identify and book the Care Clinic services that are available in our pharmacy. ”

- Peter Fairgray, TWC 2023 Pharmacist of the Year, TerryWhite Chemmart Arana Hills



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