

## STOCK EXCHANGE

DO you have any excess medications you'd like to offer to other pharmacists?

*Pharmacy Daily's* regular Stock Exchange column gives the industry the chance to promote close to expiry or other surplus items.

Today's item is four Xigris 20mg vials with expiry date of Feb 08, batch number A136444.

They're available from Scott Street Pharmacy in Toowoomba Qld, where pharmacist Sonja Venzke is asking for offers.

The usual cost price is \$1717 per vial; contact the pharmacy for more info on 07 4638 3522 or [scottstreetpharmacy@nunet.com.au](mailto:scottstreetpharmacy@nunet.com.au).

If you have items you'd like to offer through *PD's* please email [stockx@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:stockx@pharmacydaily.com.au).

## Price Attack sale

AUSTRALIAN Pharmaceutical Industries this morning announced that it's signed an agreement for the sale of its Price Attack franchise business.

The purchaser is a key head franchisee, Barry Jarred, with API saying the move continues its focus on its "core growth assets in Australia's health and beauty market".

The transaction is expected to settle by the end of the month, with API having already accounted for a net benefit of \$1.9m for the sale of its House and Price Attack operations.

## Pharmacy-only aspirin

THE Heart Foundation has launched a new fundraising initiative which will see a low-dose aspirin product available exclusively through pharmacies.

DailyDoseAspirin, manufactured by Brand Support Pty Ltd, will feature the Heart Foundation logo, with the organisation receiving 25c from the sale of every packet to support its education, research and health promotion activities.

The product was approved in Mar by the Therapeutic Goods Administration "for the treatment of patients with known cardiovascular or cerebrovascular disease, as an antiplatelet agent for prophylaxis against acute myocardial infarction, unstable angina, transient ischaemic attack and cerebrovascular accident (stroke)."

Heart foundation ceo Dr Lyn Roberts said "This is a new concept for Australian consumers so we believe it is important for a

## Breastfed babies are healthier

A US study published this week has found that middle-aged adults who were breastfed as infants were likely to have a lower Body Mass Index than those bottle-fed.

They were also found to be 55% more likely to have high levels of "good" HDL cholesterol.

**Owners - need a locum or permanent staff?  
Pharmacists - need a job?**

 **Pharmaceutical  
Locum** company pty ltd

[Click here](http://www.locumco.com.au)

[www.locumco.com.au](http://www.locumco.com.au)

## Self care promo

THE Dept of Veterans Affairs is sponsoring a Remembrance Day edition of the PSA's *inPHARMation* magazine titled *Optimising the Use of Medicines*.

Members of Pharmacy Self Care will receive packages incl the publication plus posters and consumer leaflets; more info at [www.psa.org.au/psc](http://www.psa.org.au/psc).

## Products page

OUR regular health, beauty and new products page will appear in tomorrow's issue of *PD*.



## DISPENSARY CORNER

DOCTORS in India have begun a marathon operation on a two-year-old girl who was born with four arms and four legs.

The eight-limbed child, who's named Lakshmi after the four-armed Hindu goddess of wealth, is joined to a "parasitic twin" which stopped developing in the womb, in a rare condition called isciopagus.

The surgery aims to give the girl a normal anatomy, with her parents hoping the operation will stop passing circuses from trying to buy or kidnap her.

AND while we're on the subject of limbs, a team of English scientists will travel to China shortly to fit a prosthetic leg to an injured panda.

The doctors from the University of Salford said the panda, named Nui Nui, has been unable to feed itself since losing a leg in a fight.

Dr Glyn Heath warned that more than one artificial leg may be required because the animal "may well reject it by means of trying to chew on it, eat it, whatever".

ANTI-VENOM needed here?

A Texas man has beaten his own world record this week by sitting in a bathtub together with 87 rattlesnakes.

Jackie Bibby, who's also known as the 'Texas Snake Man', spent 45 minutes with the reptiles, beating his previous mark by 12 snakes.

The snakes slithered all over hi during the attempt, but Bibby said the key to not being bitten was to "stay completely still".

## RGH Pharmacy

Due to popular demand the  
**RGH Pharmacy**  
**Anticoagulation Handbook**  
is now available to the  
pharmacy industry across Australia.

The handbook gives patients important information about warfarin treatment and has a chart to record INR results.

**Repatriation General Hospital is making it available for purchase for \$2.80 per booklet, reduced to \$2.40 for PSA and SHPA members.**

More information  
[chris.alderman@rgh.sa.gov.au](mailto:chris.alderman@rgh.sa.gov.au)



pharmacist to be available to provide advice on the product.

"We hope people using aspirin will consider choosing DailyDoseAspirin, knowing their purchase will also support the Heart Foundation's lifesaving research and education," she said.

DailyDoseAspirin is available in packs of 30 or 90, is enteric coated and contains 100mg of aspirin.

A similar program has been in place in NZ since 1999, with sales through both pharmacies and supermarkets.

Dr Roberts said that in addition to lifestyle and medical recommendations, the foundation suggests aspirin on medical advice as a "secondary prevention measure for people with cardiovascular disease".

More info and orders on 02 9659 9102, or fax 02 9659 9108.

## Statin study

RESEARCH released this week at the American Heart Association congress in Florida has found that the addition of statins to other treatments didn't significantly improve the survival of advanced heart failure patients.

The first ever statins outcomes study reported a "not statistically significant" 8% reduction in the combined primary endpoint of cardiovascular death, myocardial infarction or stroke in patients receiving rosuvastatin.

"The findings of this study tell us that statins do reduce heart attack and stroke in patients with heart failure but the other benefit that was hoped for, a reduction in death from pump failure, was not forthcoming," said Professor Philip Barter of the Heart Research Institute in Sydney.

## RHEF on depression

THE Rural Health Education Foundation will broadcast a program called *Another Shade of Blue: Depression in Older Australians* on 13 Nov.

The program aims to provide info to rural health professionals on best practice multidisciplinary interventions for depression in older Australians, encouraging them to promote a "healthy and active lifestyle and a positive approach to ageing".  
See [www.rhef.com.au](http://www.rhef.com.au).