

- ✓ Deals with 80+ suppliers on 5000+ OTC products with 3000+ via PDE!
- ✓ Optional low-cost planograms, merchandising, promotions and refits!
- ✓ Excellent prescription generic deals with the major players!
- ✓ Representatives in NSW, ACT, VIC & QLD!
- ✓ Choice & flexibility from just \$295 a month!

## CPD Calendar

**WELCOME to Pharmacy Daily's** Continuing Professional Development Calendar, featuring upcoming events and opportunities to earn CPE and CPD points.

If you have an upcoming event you'd like us to feature, email [info@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:info@pharmacydaily.com.au).

**04 Oct:** Pharmacy Guild Victoria, 'How to Deal with Workplace Complaints session', 2-4.40pm - 03 9810 9988

**05 Oct:** Monash University, Pharmacy Postgraduate coursework information evening, 6-7.30pm - 03 9903 9635

**06 Oct:** PSA SA Improving Outcomes in Heart Failure lecture, 8-9.30pm - 08 8272 1211

**21-22 Oct:** IIR's Primary Health Care Reform Summit, Hilton on the Park Melbourne - details [www.iir.com.au/primary](http://www.iir.com.au/primary).

**28-31 Oct:** PSA's Pharmacy Australia Congress in Melbourne - details [www.pac10.com.au](http://www.pac10.com.au).

## PBS adds, deletes and alters

**TODAY** The Department of Health and Ageing has published a summary of changes to the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits, which includes the addition of Eletriptan, Tablet 40mg (as hydrobromide) (Relpax) and Eletriptan, Tablet 80mg (as hydrobromide) (Relpax).

As part of its update the Department of Health has also issued advance notice of the PBS deletion of Mexiletine Hydrochloride, Capsule 200 mg (Mexitil) from 01 November.

Moreover from 01 December Anakinra, Injection 100 mg in 0.67 mL single use pre-filled syringe (Kineret); Anakinra, Injection 100 mg in 0.67 mL single use pre-filled syringe (Kineret) (Diff. Max. Rpts) and Colchicine, Tablet 500 micrograms (Lengout, Colgout) will also be deleted from the PBS.

From the beginning of 2011 Dydrogesterone, Tablet 10 mg

(Duphaston) will also cease to be available on the PBS and from 01 Feb 2011 Stavudine, Powder for oral solution 1 mg per mL, 200 mL (Zerit) will also fall off the list.

For the full list of all new PBS additions, deletions and alterations see [www.pbs.gov.au](http://www.pbs.gov.au).

## FDA halts Colchicine

**THE** US Food and Drug Administration has issued a halt on all companies that manufacture, distribute, and/or market the unapproved single-ingredient oral colchicine, for the treatment of gout and Familial Mediterranean Fever.

## Presbyopia release

**THE** first-ever laser eye treatment to improve vision of presbyopia sufferers in just 20 seconds, Intractor, has been launched in Australia.

Designed to reshape the cornea without damaging the outer layers of the eye, Intractor promises "superior healing and minimal-to-no risk of infection".

Suitable for adults with presbyopia seeking to improve their near vision and reduce their reliance on reading glasses or contact lenses, the Intractor procedure is purported to provide noticeable improvement in near vision within one post-procedure.

For info see [www.intracor.com.au](http://www.intracor.com.au).

## Citeline appointment

**ED** Deane has been appointed to the position of Vice President for Global Sales at Citeline Inc, worldwide provider of intelligence solutions to the biopharma industry.

## PSA's evidence

**THIS** year PAC10 will feature a major plenary session entitled 'Practicing Professionally in a Commercial Environment'.

Examining how evidence-based practice is about solving clinical problems, the session will be led by the Director of the Postgraduate Studies and Professional Development Unit at the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Monash University, Kirstie Galbraith.

See [www.pac10.com.au](http://www.pac10.com.au).

## Transplant pregnancy

**THE** first-ever pregnancy in a transplanted womb has been recorded by researchers studying rats at the Universities of Gothenburg and Valencia.

Published in the European journal, 'Acta Obstetrica et Gynecologica Scandinavica', the research aimed to see if pregnancy was possible in a uterus transplanted from one individual who was genetically to the recipient.

Rats involved in the study who received transplants were given immunosuppressive drugs to prevent rejection and were then encouraged to mate.

After a gestation period, researchers performed a cesarean section on the animals and found fetuses.

The results could potentially pave the way for the future treatment of women who are infertile because their uterus is congenitally absent or nonfunctional due to disease.

"This is a clinical situation comparable to transplantation between unrelated humans," said Professor Mats Brännström, Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology at the University of Gothenburg.

"This first ever demonstration... represents a major advance towards a human uterus transplantation trial," said study author Dr Cesar Diaz-Garcia.

## HCL's allotment

**DURING** the financial year ending 30 June 2010, Health Corporation Limited completed an entitlements issue allotting 35,511,218 shares at an issue price of AU\$0.0075 per share, which raised a total of \$266,334 in working capital (not \$266 as featured in PD yesterday).

## WIN AN ORGANIC HAND WASH



Certified Organics at a low price for FAST sell through!

This week **Pharmacy Daily** is giving readers the chance to win an Aloe Leaf Hand Wash from **Designer Brands NEW Organic Collection**.

Designer Brands Organics provides intense

moisturising protection for hair and skin, leaving it soft and supple for complete head to toe hydration. With the launch of Designer Brands Organics, certified organic skin care no longer means having to pay the price for purity. This paraben-free, urea-free, SLS-free, artificial colour-free range is certified organic, dermatologist tested and is biodegradable. Good for you and the planet!

Based on the healing and nurturing power of organic Aloe Leaf Juice, this is beauty without boundaries when it comes to skin and hair loving benefits and affordability. For your chance to win, simply send through the correct answer to the daily question below:

**Name one benefit of using the Aloe Leaf Hand and Nail Creme**

Email your answer to: [comp@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:comp@pharmacydaily.com.au)

The first correct entry received will win!

Hint: Visit [www.dbcosmetics.com.au](http://www.dbcosmetics.com.au)

Congratulations to yesterday's lucky winner: **Ella Van Tienen** from **Dover Pharmacy**.

## Pharmacy Daily Pharmacy Job of the Day!

Jobs4Careers is Australia's leading source for pharmacy jobs ... click here to find out more and see the Pharmacy Daily Job of the Day ...

[jobs4careers.com.au](http://jobs4careers.com.au)

## Packages too alike

**THE** Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists is urging the country's federal authority, Health Canada, to instate regulations that force drug companies to create medication packaging that clearly identifies medications and does not look the same or similar to other drug packages.

"If you ask any kind of front-line nurse or pharmacist, they would say 'Gee, this isn't rocket science,'" said Professor Neil MacKinnon CSHP president.

"Why can't they make labelling clearer — put things in different size fonts, in different colours?" he added.

As part of its case the CSHP cited the much publicised deaths of two Canadians at a hospital six years ago when the drug potassium chloride was administered to the patients instead of sodium chloride because their packs were so similar, and more recently when actor Denis Quaid's newborn twins were given a high dose of Heparin instead of a low dose and nearly died because the vials looked so similar.

"If the health care provider who is using the [poorly labelled] medication ... doesn't play close attention to what they're grabbing, there could be very serious consequences," said Myrella Roy, the society's executive director.

"You can put pressure on a manufacturer [to change packaging], but there is nobody actually mandating a change," she added.

Roy did however note that the Canadian Government and related health organisations are currently in the process of working out a universal system of prescription drug barcodes and electronic code readers for healthcare professionals, but added that due to the expense and size of the project it was unlikely to be implemented for many years.

In the interim, Roy said, the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists wants Health Canada to set up a monitoring system whereby drug labels and packaging are checked prior to their implementation to ensure that similarities are weeded out before they hit the shelves.

## Generic Health fund raises

**AUSTRALIAN** generic medicines supplier, Generic Health, has announced that as part of its recent capital raise, Indian pharmaceutical company, Lupin Limited, now holds a majority stake in its company.

The new investment drive was undertaken in order to provide support for the company's long term market share and growth ambitions, and according to Generic Health, will benefit clients due to the subsequent expansion of its current product portfolio.

The company has however moved to reassure customers about the shift in shareholdings saying

that Lupin's investment will not change the day to day operations within the business and that "all current working relationships with customers and suppliers will be maintained."

In addition the company reiterated its commitment to the mandate of developing "simple, reliable service, whilst retaining the niche low cost business model and commitment to providing cost effective generic pharmaceuticals to Australia's pharmacies and hospitals".

Lupin has been a significant investor in Generic Health since 2008 and produces a wide range of generic and branded formulations (including cardiovascular, diabetes, asthma, pediatrics, CNS, GI, anti-infectives, NSAIDs, TB and cephalosporins medications) for both the developing and developed markets.

Furthermore Lupin is at present the fifth largest and the fastest growing Top 5 company in the US (for prescriptions), and also holds top 10 pharmaceutical growth positions in India, Japan and South Africa, and last year it clocked net consolidated sales of US\$1.1b and profit of US\$180m.

## SHPA painful situations

**THE** 'Painful Situations' theme of this year's Society of Hospital Pharmacists Medicines Management 2010 National Conference is set to cover an array of pain related topics, including analgesic abuse.

Sessions are set to cover 'the prescription drug epidemic', palliative care, pain in the emergency department, neuropathic pain, burns pain, as well as a session on pain management in a multidisciplinary pain clinic.

"Pain management is a constant in health care, regardless of your clinical setting," said Alice Kochman, convenor of the MM2010Conference.

"These expert speakers will provide food for thought and a great opportunity for delegates to be current, informed and connected" she added.

The conference is set to run between 12-13 November, for details see [www.mm2010shpa.com](http://www.mm2010shpa.com).

## Pet Healthpoint

**HEALTHPOINT** has launched a new interactive touch screen system designed to improve access to animal health information, product knowledge and recommendations, titled Pet Healthpoint.

The program will also feature training for staff, an interactive Dog and Cat breed selector, and a interactive nutrition program, call 0412 877 450.



**NEW!**

**Essence**  
Advanced Hand Sanitizer

**ALCOHOL FREE**

- Kills 99.99% of Germs
- Added moisturisers vitamin E and Aloe
- Hypoallergenic and dermatologically tested

Ask your Pharmabroker Representative about the **30% OFF LAUNCH DEAL!**

Pharmabroker Sales T/No.: NSW: 02 98097244 VIC/TAS: 03 95436555 QLD: 07 32121730 WA: 08 94796311 SA/NT: 08 83630465



## DISPENSARY CORNER

**FINES** for the dead.

A local US parking inspector has found herself on Wisconsin's most unpopular list, after issuing parking fines to a hearse outside a funeral home during a service.

According to reports the inspector also issued fines to mourners cars, despite Parking Enforcement Offices' policy of leniency for funeral attendees.

Fortunately for the mourners, the fines have been cancelled, with the city's parking enforcement manager apologising for the incident, saying "some checkers are overzealous".

## SKATE-TANK!

Canadian weapon manufacturer, BPG Werks has released what it is calling the future of transport for soldiers in warzones, the DVT Shredder.

A cross between a tank and a skateboard the Shredder features twin tracks, weaponry, a 200cc engine and was initially designed by a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

## PIGS fly?

Well, not quite, but one pig in the Chinese province of Henan, has become a local celebrity after it was taught to walk on its two front feet.

Having only been born with her two front trotters ten-month old Zhu Jianqiang (meaning strong-willed pig) was taught by her owner, Wang Xihai to walk upside down by lifting her tail.

"My wife asked me to dump it but I refused, as it's a life," he said.

"I thought I should give it a chance to survive, and amazingly it has," He added.

Now weighing in at a hefty 50kgs, Zhu Jianqiang is in hot demand, with a few local circus' offering top dollar for her services, to which Xihai has refused.

