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US Zika screening

THE US Food and Drug Administration has issued new guidance recommending universal testing of donated whole blood and blood components for Zika virus in all states of the US and its territories.

The update is an expansion of previous guidance recommending screening only for blood donations received in areas where there is active transmission of Zika virus.

Breast pump recall

MEDELA Australia in consultation with the Therapeutic Goods Administration has announced a recall of a detachable wall plug, which is a component of the power supply for certain Medela breastpumps sold via pharmacies and other retailers in Australia.

The recall does not apply to Lactina and Symphony pumps sold to hospitals or rental providers.

Between 2009 and 2016 the detachable wall plug and AC power adapter were sold together as a standalone product or supplied with Medela Freestyle, Swing, Swing Maxi, Swing Essentials and Swing Premium breastpumps.

The TGA said there had been a small number of reports of the plug breaking into two parts and potentially exposing the contacts leading to a risk of electric shock.

Medela Australia is recalling and replacing the affected plugs, which have no markings on the back.

Unaffected items have a zig zag pattern/etching or a white dot marked on them.

Aussies take awards

TWO senior Australian pharmaceutical researchers have been honoured for their services to pharmacy at the opening ceremony of the 76th annual World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on the weekend.

Professor Parisa Aslani and Professor Timothy Chen, both from the University of Sydney Faculty of Pharmacy, were two of ten pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists awarded global FIP fellowships.

FIP awards PSA campaign

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia has been recognised on the global stage having won the 2016 Pharmacy Practice Improvement Programme Award from the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP).

It's the first award of its kind, and was announced on Saturday at the 76th annual World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The PSA's Health Destination Pharmacy program which pitches pharmacists as the "providers of total health solutions" was regarded as the standout from a competitive range of challengers.

"The Australian program aims to improve business and financial planning, people and processes, marketing, layout and infrastructure", the formal FIP announcement said.

"Participating pharmacies receive visits from a specially qualified PSA coach who provides practical advice and resources tailored to the pharmacy's needs."

PSA president Joe Demarte, who's pictured above accepting the award from FIP president Carmen Peña, said: "We are proud that this work has been celebrated at an international level."

"It shows that, as in many countries around the world, there are many opportunities for



community pharmacies to play an enhanced role in patient care despite an increasingly uncertain financial future."

The Health Destination Pharmacy program has now been implemented in more than 25 pharmacies across the country, and PSA says locations which launched last year are already outperforming the industry average threefold.

The Federation also recognised Portugal's 'Medicines Use - We are all Responsible' as the recipient of the FIP 2016 Health Promotion Campaign Award.

Pharmacists could vaccinate one in eight

PHARMACIES across the globe have the potential to vaccinate at least 940 million people - equating to one eighth of the world population according to new research commissioned by the International Pharmaceutical Federation.

The survey of 45 countries, conducted by the FIP Collaborating Centre at University College London, found that 44% had community pharmacy premises offering vaccinations, "demonstrating the expansion and growing acceptance of pharmacy immunisation services around the world".

FIP said an increasing number of jurisdictions are introducing immunisation rights specifically for pharmacists - and in 13 of the 45 countries pharmacists themselves have the authority to administer vaccines "and therefore the potential to reach 655 million, the researchers estimated."

A report summarising the research was released overnight at the 76th annual World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Buenos Aires, and can be accessed via the FIP website at www.fip.org.

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Weekly Comment

Welcome to *PD*'s weekly comment feature. This week's contributor is **Professor Carl Kirkpatrick, Director, Centre for Medicine Use and Safety, Monash University.**



Optimising medicine use in older people

ACCORDING to a review of Australian and international research recently published here at CMUS, up to 74% of aged care facility residents take nine or more medicines on a regular basis. Although multiple medicines use may be unavoidable, polypharmacy has been associated with a variety of adverse events, including falls, hospitalisations and mortality.

One of our researchers, Associate Professor Simon Bell, is leading an expanding team of research fellows, postdoctoral researchers and PhD students generating new evidence and strategies to optimise medicine use in older people.

A particular focus has been residential aged care. Residents of aged care facilities are often older, frailer and more susceptible to adverse events than the participants in clinical trials on which clinical practice guidelines are typically based.

The team has recently attracted nationally competitive research funding through the NHMRC Cognitive Decline Partnership Centre, NHMRC Frailty Centre for Research Excellence and Alzheimer's Australia Dementia Research Foundation.

Collaboration and stakeholder engagement are key components of the work. The team is collaborating with a number of aged care providers across Australia, including Resthaven Inc., Helping Hand and the Victorian Government Department of Health and Human Services.

CMUS will host the Australian Deprescribing Network (AdEN) meeting on October 28.

Pharmacy's key social role

THE role of community pharmacy in local social issues cannot be ignored, according to Dr Carmen Peña, President of the International Pharmaceutical Federation, at the opening of the 76th World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Buenos Aires, Argentina on the weekend.

"Pharmacists and other health care professionals need to be more concerned with continuity, integration of processes and socio-health coordination, which is an important but often forgotten role of community pharmacies," she said in her opening address.

Peña's focus was on people, namely patients and healthcare professionals.

"Today's patients have new demands. New needs. They are increasing in number and age.

"Many of our health systems were created in the 20th century for a society of patients with acute illnesses, but nowadays we live in a society of patients with chronic illnesses, many of whom require polymedication."

The new demands call upon pharmacists to fulfil homecare needs as well as general health care, along with self-medication non-prescription requirements, the

FIP president said.

These approaches will benefit from policies "that enable cooperation and care coordination between health care professionals, with respect for their various functions, for the benefit of patients," Peña added.

Also important, she said, were non-health professionals such as hospital managers, lawyers and economists, all of whom are essential to building a new concept of health care.

Clinical records were another focus with a call for the system to follow patients, rather than patients following the "labyrinths of specialties and bureaucracy".

\$50k gift from CWH

CHEMIST Warehouse chief operating officer Mario Tascone appeared on Channel 9's Footy Show last Thu night to donate \$50,000 from Chemist Warehouse Group to charity group My Room.

The cheque presentation was part of the My Room Telethon which was raising funds to "give childhood cancer the boot".

Tascone said Chemist Warehouse encouraged "all of Australia to support and get behind" My Room.



Dispensary Corner

AUTHORITIES in Indonesia say they have confirmed the birthdate on the identity card held by Mbah Gotho of central Java (pictured) - making him the oldest man in the world at the grand old age of 145 having been born on 31 Dec 1870.

According to the UK *Telegraph*, Mr Gotho says he's ready to die, having outlived all ten of his siblings, four wives and all of his children, with his closest relatives now grandchildren, great-grandchildren and even a few great-great grandchildren.

One of his grandsons said he had been preparing for his death since he was 122, buying a burial site close to the graves of his children.

"The gravestone there was made in 1992...that was 24 years ago," the grandson said.



THE government of the African nation of Burkina Faso is hoping to clean up the national image by banning an annual beauty contest for women with large backsides.

The third edition of "Miss Bim-Bim" will not take place after the crackdown, despite organiser Hamado Doambahe saying he was only aiming to promote a more positive body image for African women.

Competition posters (below) caused an outcry on social media last week prompting the government ban.



Win with Blistex

This week to celebrate the launch of NEW Blistex Happy Lips Melon lip balm on 1st September in pharmacy, *Pharmacy Daily* and Blistex are giving you the chance to WIN a Blistex prize pack valued at \$36.05. Blistex is a leading lip care brand delivering superb moisture and protection to lips to keep them beautifully healthy all year round.

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