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NSW publications list

THE Pharmacy Council of NSW has issued a circular to pharmacists about the “reasonably large change to the publications required to be available at all pharmacy premises and professional services room premises in NSW”.

The updated list of publications reflects the Health Practitioner Regulation (New South Wales) 2016 which came into effect last month.

The new Regulation adopts the latest editions of the publications listed in the Pharmacy Code of Australia's *Guidelines on Practice-specific issues - Guideline 1 (List of reference texts for pharmacists)* as amended from time to time.

The publications can be either in hard copy or electronic format, as long as they are accessible by way of a password known to all pharmacists at that pharmacy.

The list includes the Australian Pharmaceutical Formulary, the Australian Medicines Handbook, Therapeutic Guidelines, SHPA's 'Don't Rush to Crush' handbook and a source of current Australian PI and CMI such as MIMS or AusDI - plus an “evidence-based reference work on complementary and alternative medicines”.

The NSW legislation also requires access to the Therapeutic Goods Administration's Price Information Code of Practice, and no longer permits a full set of Self Care Cards as an alternative to the Australian Medicines Handbook.

Pharmacy diabetes trial

HEALTH Minister Sussan Ley has confirmed the in-pharmacy Diabetes Screening Services trial will get under way in November, with about 360 metro, regional and rural pharmacies across Australia expected to take part (*PD* breaking news yesterday).

It's the first trial under the government's \$50 million Pharmacy Trial program, with Ley saying it has been designed to test a variety of approaches to detecting diabetes in pharmacy.

The program will see patients use a validated AUDSRISK questionnaire to test for the risk of diabetes, as well as the use of further point of care tests to confirm whether the disease is present. “Patients will be referred to their general practitioner appropriately based on the outcomes of the questionnaire and tests,” Ley said.

“The Pharmacy Trial Program represents a transformative opportunity for the pharmacy profession, enabling it to continue to build upon its existing dispensing role by trialling new approaches to providing primary care services,” she added.

The government-funded trial is being conducted by the University of Sydney and Deakin University, in partnership with the Pharmacy Guild of Australia.

The Guild has welcomed the partnership program with more

than 600 randomly-selected community pharmacies around Australia invited to register interest in the first screening trial.

Pharmacies are to be stratified by metro, regional and rural areas and invitations to express interest in participation will only be sought from those pharmacies randomly selected.

Following the registration of interest process, the trial will have a participation quota of 363 pharmacies across Australia and the trial is expected to commence next month.

Guild national president George Tambassis said, “We welcome this progress with the Pharmacy Trial Program.

“As Australia's most accessible health locations, community pharmacies are ideally placed for identifying individuals at high-risk of type 2 diabetes and screening them using recognised screening and risk assessment techniques.”

CPD 'business chunks'

THE Australian College of Pharmacy has released a series of “CPD business chunks” which aim to allow pharmacists to improve their management potential in a series of bite-sized activities such as reporting, budgets, risk and more.

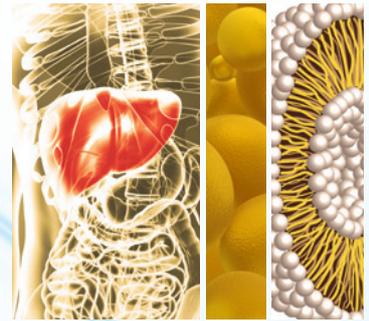
Participants can undertake the CPD items separately or group them together in larger activities, with the program building up to an Advanced Diploma of Leadership and Management.

For more details see acp.edu.au.

PDL ceo to retire

PHARMACEUTICAL Defence Limited (PDL) ceo Marie Ritchie has announced she will retire at the end of the year, after 22 years with the organisation.

Former Guild Insurance gm David Brown will take her place in Jan.



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The July 2016 release of the Children's Dosing Companion has expanded its coverage on doses for drugs used in hospital and in neonates. This update includes a number of new monographs and other changes.

For more information go to www.amh.net.au.



US professional services push

AMERICA'S National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) is urging independent pharmacies to band together in local networks to provide "enhanced services" to their patients.

Speaking during the NCPA Annual Convention in New Orleans, ceo B. Douglas Hoey highlighted services such as "true same day home delivery," the use of DAAs to encourage better adherence, and immunisations.

He said independent pharmacies provide "better cost savings and better health outcomes" than the large pharmacy chains in the US.

Hoey also released the results of the annual NCPA Digest, which gives an overview of independent community pharmacy in the USA for 2015.

The report found the number

of independent pharmacies had declined slightly, from 22,478 to 22,160 during the year.

The average independent community pharmacy location dispensed 60,493 prescriptions annually (194 per day), down from 197 per day the prior year.

81% of the independent pharmacies offer medication therapy management, while two thirds also provided vaccinations.

The convention also saw Deanne Mullins from Florida named as the new president of NCPA.

Pharmacists on-site at medical practices

UNDER a pilot study to improve patient care, 14 general practices across Western Sydney are having pharmacists integrated into their practices.

The practices involved are based in Blacktown, Seven Hills and Quakers Hill.

It will run until mid-2017 and is based on a previous study conducted earlier this year (PD 18 Feb), which suggested that a collaboration between medical practitioners and pharmacists boosted patient care and reduced medication-related problems.

Prezcobix on PBS

EFFECTIVE this month, Janssen's Prezcobix (darunavir/cobicistat) is available on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) for the treatment of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV-1) in combination with other antiretroviral agents.

The product is a fixed dose, once daily antiretroviral combination film-coated tablet and is indicated for treatment-naïve and treatment-experienced adults with no darunavir resistance associated mutations.

Each daily tablet of Prezcobix contains 800 mg of the HIV-1 protease inhibitor (PI) darunavir (as in Prezista) and 150 mg of cobicistat (as in Tybost), a pharmacokinetic enhancer, or 'boosting' agent developed by Gilead Sciences.

Novalac allergy-safe

BAYER has released Novalac Allergy, claimed to be "Australia's only 100% rice protein-based formula for infants with cow's milk protein allergy (CMPA)".

Novalac Allergy reduced a combination of allergy symptoms by 74.1% after one month and 88.9% by the sixth month according to a study published in the *European Journal of Paediatrics*.

The study revealed that significant improvements in weight gain were demonstrated after the first month of using Novalac Allergy, helping to normalise weight after six months.

In Australia and New Zealand, CMPA is the most common of childhood food allergies, affecting approximately 1 in 50 babies.

The condition peaks in the first year of the infant's life, with more than 80% of CMPA cases resolved by the age of five.

Symptoms of CMPA commonly develop within the first week of exposure to cow's milk in the infant's diet, which may include a rash (eczema or hives), swelling, vomiting, diarrhoea, wheezing and poor growth.

Medical Director of Allergy Medical Professor Pete Smith, says Novalac Allergy is a welcome alternative for children with CMPA.

Bayer advises that professional advice should always be followed before using an infant formula.

Antibiotic awareness

NPS MedicineWise is encouraging health professionals and community groups to get involved in the upcoming Antibiotic Awareness Week 2016 from 14 – 20 Nov (PD 13 Oct), and providing a "campaign tool kit" (pictured) to support the program.



Pharmacies can also order an "event kit" which includes posters, flyers, a flyer stand, bunting, balloons, pens and hand sanitiser.

Each participating pharmacy is also encouraged to submit a photo for a chance to win a morning tea for their office - [CLICK HERE](#).

FDA \$23m research

THE US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has announced funding for 21 new academia and industry clinical trial research grants totaling more than \$23m over the next four years to develop products for patients with rare diseases, under the Orphan Products Research Grants Program.



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New Blooms CoQ10 150 AquaCelle Enhanced

Blooms Health Products has announced its CoQ10 150 AquaCelle Enhanced, which it says uses Australian-first AquaCelle lipid-based technology to improve CoQ10 absorption by 460% compared with standard oil-based CoQ10 products. Blooms Health Products md Brett Ditchfield said, "Levels of CoQ10 decrease in the body as we age. Blooms CoQ10 150 AquaCelle Enhanced's rapid delivery is more effective at replenishing these levels and also works as an antioxidant to help reduce oxidative stress as we age."

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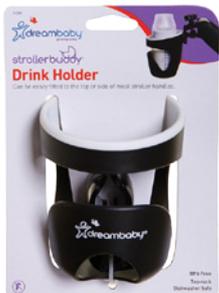
New Strollerbuddy Drink Holder from Dreambaby

The new Dreambaby Strollerbuddy Drink Holder is perfect to carry water bottles, sports drinks, sippy cups or other cool beverages within reach while pushing the baby's stroller. This means you and your baby can be kept hydrated while out and about in the warmer weather. The drink holder can be easily fitted to (or removed from) the top side of most stroller handles. The Strollerbuddy Drink Holder is available in both grey with white trim and black with white trim.

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Dispensary Corner

POLICE who seized a bag of methamphetamine at a Perth service station could only find one suspect in their case: a crow.

After discovering the drugs on the ground, police decided to wade through the latest CCTV footage at the petrol stop to identify a person of interest.

Much to their surprise, they could only find a bird of interest.

The crow (pictured in CCTV footage below) was filmed wandering suspiciously around the area before digging through garbage and retrieving the bag of illegal drugs. He then flew away from the scene.

CLICK HERE to watch the footage posted on Western Australia Police's Facebook page.



MANY people would agree that women face more challenges than their male counterparts when trying to climb the corporate ladder.

Well, there's one man who definitely doesn't agree with that, the man who decided to get breast implants to increase his chances of finding employment.

The Chinese national who had been fruitlessly job hunting for several months was convinced that becoming more feminine would make things easier for him.

According to reports from the *Daily Mail* the man took out a loan of 39,000 Yuan (AU\$7,546) to have the surgery only to be forced to have the silicone implants removed shortly after because it caused a family rift.

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