

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news plus a full page from Wizard Pharmacy.

Clozapine survey

A MASTER of Pharmacy student from Griffith University is seeking input from Australian community pharmacies on whether they supply clozapine, and for those who do not, the reasons why.

Bethany Wilson is conducting the study via a brief online survey which can be completed at surveymonkey.com/r/HJYF6T.

New script stationery

THE Department of Human Services has confirmed it is phasing in new computer prescription stationery, with a standard form for dentists, doctors, midwives, nurse practitioners and optometrists.

Changes include a new 'Prescriber type indicator' and the addition of the department's contact details on the back of the form.

Red tape eased for SA vax

NEW regulatory reforms introduced by the South Australian Government for pharmacist-delivered vaccinations have been welcomed by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA).

Under the changes, vaccination-trained pharmacists in SA will no longer have to renew their vaccination credentials every three years as of 05 Dec 2017.

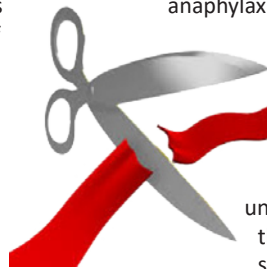
PSA SA/NT president Robyn Johns said the reform will remove red tape burdens on pharmacists who have proven to be "highly effective and accessible immunisers in the community."

"Pharmacists welcome SA Health Minister Peter Malinauskas' vision and ongoing commitment to enable trained pharmacists to provide high quality and accessible vaccinations in community pharmacies – this new reform is a positive step

forward for improving healthcare.

"We also sincerely thank SA Health for being supportive of these reforms," she said.

Johns added that while there will be no formal requirements for ongoing training, pharmacists need to remember that immunisers must have up-to-date First Aid, CPR and anaphylaxis training.



"Under the Pharmacy Board of Australia's CPD Guidelines, all pharmacist immunisers are also expected by undertake CPD relevant to their scope of practice," she explained.

Across Australia, all pharmacists can now vaccinate for influenza.

In SA, pharmacists can also vaccinate for whooping cough, measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus and polio.

In Victoria pharmacists can immunise for whooping cough, while pharmacists can vaccinate for whooping cough, measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria and tetanus in Queensland and the Northern Territory.

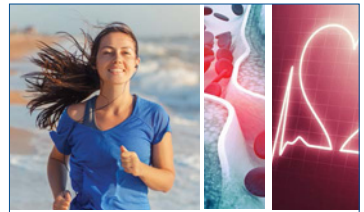
PSA national president Dr Shane Jackson said, "On a national level, PSA is working closely with all State and Territory Governments and key health stakeholders to expand immunisation services beyond influenza."

"PSA's Immunisation Training Programs are tailored for State and Territory requirements," he said.

"They are nationally accredited and approved by State and Territory Health Departments."

Biosimilars reviews

PHARMACISTS at the University of South Australia have been commissioned to conduct literature reviews on biosimilar medicines access and uptake, switching, adverse events, health outcomes, indications extrapolation, attitudes & awareness - health.gov.au.



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Dispensary Corner

EMERGENCY services workers were called to an unusual health crisis in the UK last week, after a man “accidentally” cemented his head inside a microwave oven.

Paramedics and firefighters said they were “seriously unimpressed” at the antics of the 22-year-old who was attempting to record the stunt so he could post it on YouTube.

His friends mixed seven bags of Polyfilla and poured it around his head, attempting to use the microwave as a mould.

The man’s head was in a plastic bag and he had tube inserted so he could breathe.

By the time emergency services arrived his mates had been trying to free him for 90 minutes.



THE curious case of the missing dummies - aka the case of the pacified pooch - has been solved.

A family in Oklahoma, USA were mystified when their baby’s pacifiers repeatedly went missing.

However all was revealed when one of the parents saw the dog pinch one off the kitchen counter.

They had also noticed that the family pet had been a bit off his food in recent days.

A quick trip to the veterinarian revealed urgent surgery was required, with more than 20 pacifiers found in the animal’s digestive tract.

Arrow soothes

ARROW Pharmaceuticals has announced the release of three new Chemist’s Own brand products.

Chemists’ Own Skin Irritation Cream is for the temporary relief of redness, itching and inflammation of the skin caused by rashes, eczema, dermatitis, sunburn, insect bites and sensitive itches.



Secondly, Children’s C-zine is formulated for the control of symptoms of hayfever and other allergies in children, and available in 100mL (pictured) and 200mL bottles.

The third offering is Chemists’ Own Sleep Aid tablets (doxylamine succinate 25mg), a medicine that provides temporary relief of sleeplessness.



Codeine hits API

THE rescheduling of codeine-based products in Australia has impacted sales from Australian Pharmaceutical Industries’ NZ-based manufacturing business.

According to the API annual report released on Fri, overall sales declined by 5.4% and gross profit was down 6.8%.

“We have responded with a range of over-the-counter alternatives which we expect to improve our performance in 2018,” wrote ceo Richard Vincent in the report.

He also noted that the interim report from the Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation had largely ignored the wholesaling sector’s evidence-based recommendations.

However “we have been heartened by subsequent discussions with the Department and the Minister and we are optimistic that we will achieve a satisfactory outcome,” he added.

Digital uptake concern

WHILE nearly three quarters (72.8%) of Australians reported using technology in some form to manage their health, more than half (51%) ranked concerns about the security of their personal information as their top reservation about how technology is affecting healthcare, according to new research commissioned by GlaxoSmithKline Australia (GSK).

For more see au.gsk.com.



Weekly Comment

Welcome to **PD’s** weekly comment feature.

This week’s contributor is **Judy Cheung-Wood, SkinB5 Founder & Managing Director**



Vitamin B5 as a new option to treat acne

ACNE is an inflammatory skin disorder that can impact self-esteem and consequently affect emotional health. Contributing factors range from hormonal changes, inherited conditions, stress, nutritional deficiencies, but it is also likely to result from overactive oil glands.

While oil is essential for lubricating, moisturising and protecting the skin, when there is an increase in the fatty secretion of the sebaceous glands (sebum), the skins cells have no choice but to expand to accommodate the changes. This leads to enlarged skin pores, provide breeding ground for bacteria, resulting in acne.

In a study by Leung LH, it was shown that with the administration of Vitamin B5, this process may be reversed. By regulating lipid metabolism, a decrease in sebum excretion occurs, resulting in pore sizes becoming smaller, leaving the skin’s appearance smooth.

Further results from a study conducted in 2014, found that while reducing facial lesions, supplementation of a pantothenic- based dietary supplement showed that it is well tolerated, safe and showed no adverse effects, no changes in serum blood chemistries.

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