

Cannaceuticals coined

PHARMACY'S lexicon has just expanded with a new term hitting the pages of *Pharmacy Daily*: "Cannaceuticals".

The term refers to pharmaceutical grade cannabis made under the conditions of good manufacturing process (GMP), and was coined by CannRx announcing its joint venture with iCAN: Israel-Cannabis at CannaTech, a medical cannabis conference in Tel Aviv.

Together, the companies will bring to market ican.sleep, the first advanced sleep cannabis formulation utilizing the CannTrap platform developed by CannRx.

"ican.sleep is the first Cannaceutical (GMP, pharmaceutical grade cannabis product) available to the tens of millions of adults suffering sleep disorders," the companies said, with a global launch planned after patient trials later this year.

The pharmaceutical grade delivery system is said to provide a stable, controlled dose of the cannabis formulation.

CannRx said it had developed highly accurate quantitative and qualitative analytical chemical assays as well as disease-specific bioassays to determine the activity of specific cannabinoids.

Compounding feedback

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia is seeking submissions on its revised Compounding Standard, yesterday releasing a consultation paper which is open to feedback until 18 Apr 2017.

The consultation is part of a wider review of PSA's Professional Practice Standards, and outlines the requirements for pharmacists to enable patients to have timely access to safe, efficacious and quality compounded medicines.

A key outcome of the review has been to ensure consistency of the PSA standard with the Pharmacy Board of Australia's *Guidelines on compounding of medicines*, in particular relating to the difference between simple and complex compounding activities.

The PSA Standard is intended to apply to all compounding, but also identifies additional actions that need to be undertaken when compounding complex preparations.

It details twelve criteria, under the following headings:

- patient-centred care
- quality assurance
- policy and procedures
- training and education
- risk management & evaluation

- documentation
- facilities and equipment
- storage, stability and disposal
- dispensing and other supply arrangements
- compounding practice
- counselling and
- monitoring, review & follow-up.

The review also highlighted the requirement for compounding activities to be guided by appropriate risk assessments.

The project was funded as part of the government's PBS Access and Sustainability Package which includes the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement.

The consultation paper and a survey are online at psa.org.au.

Swisse self-regulation

COMPLEMENTARY products maker Swisse has made a pre-budget submission urging the government to implement a self-regulation model for advertising of complementary medicines.

Swisse said the existing TGA complaints resolution process is "complex, obscure and insufficient" and suggested the ACCC would be a better body to handle complaints under Australian Consumer Law.

Black Triangle plan

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has invited comment on a new consultation relating to 'Strengthening monitoring of medicines in Australia' - including the proposed introduction of a new Black Triangle Scheme to alert health professionals and consumers about newly available medicines.

One of the recommendations of the Medicines and Medical Devices Review was the improvement to the safety monitoring of medicines, with the proposal aiming to improve communication and collaboration, use of data and the collection of adverse events.

Black Triangle Schemes are already in use in the EU, with the symbol displayed on PI and CMI documents with an explanation that the product is subject to additional monitoring and a request to report suspected adverse events.

Other changes proposed include reformatting Product Information to ensure indications, precautions and adverse event information is easily accessible to prescribers.

The TGA's plans to enhance safety monitoring of medicines would take effect from late 2017 onward.

See tga.gov.au.



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Joint GuildCare winners



GUILDLINK ceo Ross Gallagher and Pharmacy Guild national president George Tambassis announced the winners of the GuildCare Pharmacy of the Year at APP earlier this month, with the award for the first time going to two pharmacies, both in the ACT.

Capital Chemist Wanniasa and Lanyon Pharmacy from Condor were both recognised for their "dedication to the health of their patient community and leading their peers through the consistent and effective implementation of Professional Services using the GuildCare platform," GuildLink said. This year the runner up was

Priceline Pharmacy from Woden, also in the ACT.

Each finalist was scored based on their usage of the GuildCare platform, with the two winning pharmacies equally tied on points at the end of the competition.

The winners each received an iPad Air, and together with the runner-up will receive a 12 month subscription to GuildCare NG and myPharmacyLink, along with personalised in-store training.

Nature's Own launch

NATURE'S Own has released eight new vitamin B supplement formulations, with the expanded range including both single ingredient B vitamins and B complexes.



Sanofi Consumer Healthcare gm Brett Charlton said the reformulated range used activated forms of B vitamins, recently listed for use in complementary medicines in Australia.

"Our Brisbane-based product development team have been leading the way in terms of working with these new ingredients and pioneering new test methodologies for stability to ensure what is on our label is actually in the product," Charlton said.

The range includes a sublingual delivery format for the activated methyl B12 product. Tablet shapes have been changed and coatings added to make them easier to swallow, he added.

AFT seals NovoTears deal

AFT Pharmaceuticals yesterday confirmed a new licensing agreement with German specialty pharmaceutical company to distribute NovoTears in Australia and New Zealand.

NovoTears is sold in Europe under the EvoTears brand name, and is an ophthalmic product for the treatment of evaporative dry eye diseases.

Novaliq has granted AFT an exclusive license for the commercialisation of NovoTears in Australasia, with the manufacturer to receive an undisclosed upfront payment plus royalties on net sales of the product.

AFT ceo Hartley Atkinson said the company was dedicated to bringing

innovative products to market.

"The addition of NovaTears to our eye care line will be welcomed by doctors and patients alike.

"It's a first-in-class water-free and preservative free treatment based on Novaliq's proprietary EyeSol technology platform," he said.

Atkinson said the addition would help advance AFT's position in the lubricating eye drop market, where it's currently in fourth place.

Sales of NovaTears are expected in New Zealand within the 2018 financial year, and in Australia the year following.

Entresto HbA1c tick

NOVARTIS has announced results of a new post-hoc analysis in a subgroup of patients with reduced ejection fraction heart failure and diabetes suggesting that Entresto (sacubitril/valsartan) tablets improved glycemic control, as assessed by hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) testing, compared to angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE)-inhibitor enalapril.

"These results show that in addition to its compelling cardiovascular efficacy, Entresto may have important metabolic benefits for HFREF patients with diabetes," said Vasant Narasimhan, global head of drug development and chief medical officer, Novartis.

EBOS is upbeat

EBOS Pharmaceuticals ceo Patrick Davies yesterday reaffirmed a "positive start for the first half of the financial year," with the company releasing the formal Interim Report detailing activities for the six months to 31 Dec.

Davies said earnings for the full year are expected to be at the "upper end" of a previously forecast range of 7-10% growth in net profit after tax.

Profit for the period was \$68.8 million, up of 7.2% on the prior half-year results (**PD** 22 Feb).

WIN WITH INNOXA

This week Pharmacy Daily and INNOXA are giving away each day the new INNOVA ANTI-AGEING Anti-Wrinkle + Firm Sleep Mask.

INNOXA is proud to introduce their latest product in the skin care range... and one that works while you are asleep. As part of the Anti-Ageing Collection, the new INNOXA Anti-Wrinkle + Firm Sleep Mask is an intense anti-ageing night treatment formulated with active ingredient ReforcyL™ to deliver 7-in-1 anti-ageing benefits while you sleep. The sleep mask also contains natural skin loving ingredients including Jojoba Oil, Evening Primrose Oil, Grapeseed Oil, Olive Oil and Vitamin E. Leave on overnight and cleanse in the morning to remove any excess cream. **CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE** for more info.

To win, be the first person from WA to send the correct answer to comp@pharmacydaily.com.au

What does ReforcyL™ deliver?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Rhiannon Marychurch from Good Price Pharmacy Warehouse.





Dispensary Corner

JUST when you thought Kitten Fur perfume couldn't be outdone (**PD Mon**), America's Demeter Fragrance Library has come out with another unique scent.

Probably appealing to the more clucky demographic, you can now get the "New Baby" smell in a bottle - minus the sleepless nights.

The description on the company's website describes the bub smell as "light, bright, transparent and sheer with slight lemony touches and an underlying creaminess."



TRAVELLERS in China are unlikely to be caught short in public toilets - thanks to new face-scanning technology which restricts the issuing of toilet paper.

Facial recognition cameras have been installed in loo paper dispensers, which will only roll out 60cm at a time.

If the same person's face is scanned within 9 minutes their request will be denied.

The system aims to combat a rise in toilet paper theft, with citizens accused of nicking the rolls and taking them home.

"Some people take much more paper than needed," reported *China Radio International*, with the initiative having already dropped usage in one of Beijing's major facilities from 20 to just four rolls a day.

However some have complained that the 30 seconds taken for the scan could cause problems for those in urgent need of relief.

Health, Beauty and New Products

Welcome to our weekly promoted feature with all the latest health, beauty and new products for pharmacy. Suppliers wanting to promote products in this feature should email newproducts@pharmacydaily.com.au

Moisturising Nappy Change Cream

Aromababy **Moisturising Nappy Change Cream** provides a natural alternative to zinc-based, natural nappy rash products. This rich, vitamin E and cocoa butter enriched lotion delivers optimum care for dehydrated skin while the natural oils leave a light barrier to help protect the skin from wetness. As a premium Australian-made brand, Aromababy products rely on concentrated formulations ensuring value for money. Also a recent HKABA Export Award winner, Aromababy is celebrating 21 years of producing specialist, natural mother and baby products. A gift with purchase is available for new pharmacy orders placed until 10 Apr 2017.

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New topical anaesthetic: Numit



Ego Pharmaceuticals has launched **Numit 5%** cream, a topical anaesthetic containing 2.5% lidocaine (lignocaine) and 2.5% prilocaine. This combination provides effective topical anaesthesia and is suitable for a wide range of applications and procedures, such as vaccinations, blood sampling and minor cosmetic or superficial surgical procedures. Suitable for use on people of all ages, from neonates to the elderly, Numit 30g is around 37% less expensive than the leading competitor. Note that this product is

not suitable for premature infants. Seek doctor's advice if pregnant or breastfeeding.

Stockist: 1800 033 706

RRP: 30g tube \$45.00 and 10g tube \$11.90

Website: www.egopharm.com

Inner Health for Kids

Ethical Nutrients **Inner Health for Kids** provides a high potency probiotic powder for children to support a normal healthy gastrointestinal system. This product may promote the growth of, and increase the number of, healthy flora within the developing digestive system and maintain levels of normal healthy flora or friendly bacteria that may have been disrupted if your child has had a course of antibiotics. Inner Health for Kids is available in 50g and 100g powder packs. Always read the label. Use only as directed. If symptoms persist consult your healthcare professional.

Stockist: 07 3117 3300

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Website: www.ethicalnutrients.com.au



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