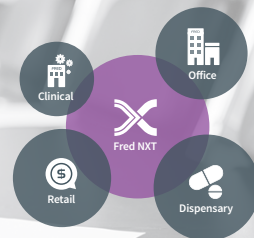


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PPI claims next week

THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia reminds pharmacists that claiming for Pharmacy Practice Incentives (PPI) Clinical Interventions and Dose Administration Aids for the 01 Jan to 31 Mar 2017 period is available from 01 Apr to 14 Apr via the 6CPA Registration and Claiming Portal at 6cpa.com.au.

Pharmacists intending to be away during the PPI claiming period are alerted to the fact that they need to have a process in place to ensure PPI claims can be submitted within the required timeframe.

As the PPI Programme Specific Guidelines state ([CLICK HERE](#)), claims will be rejected if received after the claim due date, 14 Apr.

Adcetris on PBS

TAKEDA Pharmaceuticals Australia has announced the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) listing of Adcetris (brentuximab vedotin), therapy for patients with relapsed or refractory Hodgkin lymphoma (HL).

In Australia, more than 600 people are diagnosed with HL per year and require front-line treatment, while up to 30% of these relapse and require further treatment, Takeda said.

Apr price disclosure hits

THE government has hailed the impact that PBS reform is having on consumers' hip pockets, announcing that the cost of more than 1100 medicine brands will be reduced from next month.

"The Turnbull Government is committed to making medicines available and more affordable for

all Australians...we have a rock solid commitment to Medicare and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme," noted health minister Greg Hunt.

Key reductions include a 22% cut in the cost of rosuvastatin - with the savings helping fund "all vital new drugs" on the PBS.

01 Apr new listings include Adcetris and Erivedge for cancer, as well as Brenzys, a biosimilar brand of etanercept, Hunt said, adding: "In 2015-16 we provided \$10.8 billion to the PBS - \$7.6 billion for the products, and \$3.2 billion to supply them through wholesalers, pharmacies and hospitals".

NZ cooperation

PHARMACY'S peak bodies in New Zealand, the NZ Pharmacy Guild and the Pharmaceutical Society of NZ, have signed an agreement which aims to boost co-operation, including attendance by their respective vice presidents at each other's board meetings.

The representatives have full speaking rights at the meetings and access to board papers, but are unable to vote, reports NZ trade publication *Pharmacy Today*.

PSNZ president Graeme Smith said "In a country the size of New Zealand, it makes more sense to pull together rather than compete with one another," while NZ Guild vice president Cameron Monteith said "we're all pharmacists and it's important that we focus on the same things".

Waste water analysis

AUSTRALIA'S first National Wastewater Drug Monitoring Program Report has found considerable levels of consumption of oxycodone and fentanyl across Australia - as well as high usage of methamphetamine.

The report was funded from the proceeds of crime - acic.gov.au.

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news plus a full page from **Ego Numit**.

Antibiotic guidance

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has released new guidance to assist sponsors of antibacterial prescription medicines to collect and provide appropriate information about the development of antibiotic resistance, both pre- and post-market.

As well as risk assessments about the development of antimicrobial resistance, the TGA advises that it requires Australian human antibiotic resistance data for all prescription antibiotics including topical and systemic items, as well as combination medicines containing antibacterial elements and composite packs with one or more antibacterial medication.

The guidance applies for new registrations as well as extensions of existing indications, new dose forms or changed dosage regimens. See www.tga.gov.au.



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Dispensary Corner

CAFFEINE buzzes come from many quarters, according to a recent Canadian review of 13 studies published between 1981 and 2016.

Researchers were warning against mixing spirits and liqueurs with energy drinks, such as Red Bull and Monster, which has become increasingly popular, saying that it could be more risky than drinking alcohol on its own, or with a more traditional mixer.

The review showed that the dicey mix resulted in an increased risk of falls, fights and accidents.

What's even more interesting is that if you are a tea drinker, you are ingesting more caffeine in one cup (40 mg) than in one 330 mL can of Coca-Cola (32 mg), and two cups of tea will deliver the same amount as one can of Red Bull.

GOOD news for all rodents travelling to Mars - you can probably expect to live 20% longer than your peers.

Scientists have found a way to reverse the ageing process in mice by 20%, raising the prospect of an anti-ageing treatment for humans within a decade.

The work has attracted the attention of NASA struggling with the accelerated ageing effects of cosmic radiation in space, and future Mars missions being heavily exposed.

Findings and implications were published in the journal *Science*.



Hospital pharmacists have GRIT

THE Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia has released the first edition of its new quarterly journal, titled *Pharmacy Growth, Research, Innovation and Training (GRIT)*.

GRIT is also the new home of DrugScan, Medication Safety and Case Reports, and complements the SHPA's established *Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Research*.

Both resources are free and exclusively available to members of the Society, with the first issue of GRIT featuring mentor-mentee relationships in hospital pharmacy, advice on applying for research grants, and the imminent launch of the National Translational Research



Collaboration.

SHPA ceo Kristin Michaels said the title of the publication was the result of a naming competition at the Medicines Management 2016 conference, won by Sarah Hitchen, Jeanie Misko and Vanessa Sinclair.

"GRIT was an instant crowd favourite... we believe it

perfectly encapsulates the evolving knowledge and skills you need to be an innovative pharmacist in today's complex and demanding healthcare world".

3M Futuro campaign

HEALTH supports and braces supplier Futuro from 3M has launched a new #FUTUROHERO marketing campaign, shining a light on the "everyday heroes" who wear supports to assist with the pain relief of sore muscles and joints.

The Facebook collateral will be supported by a "content seeding, social media and influencer marketing strategy".

Mannapol launch

US-LISTED Mannatech has launched Manapol Powder as a stand-alone into the Australasian market, with the product described as the "highest quality aloe vera gel extract in the world".

Win with SkinB5

This week **Pharmacy Daily** & **SkinB5** are giving away each day the Acne Control Extra Strength Tablets.

SkinB5 is an all-natural acne supplement that works from within to treat acne on the face and all over the body. The SkinB5 Extra Strength Tablets is based on a potent dosage of vitamin B5, proven to increase skin health and reduce acne by regulating the skin's production of sebum, or skin oil. See www.skinb5.com for more.

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



How many Vitamin Bs do the tablets contain?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Cathy Portolesi.

Ferro-Tabs addition

FERRO-F and Ferro-Tabs have been relisted on the PBS as a Restricted Benefit for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients effective 05 Apr, after lobbying by the Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia and the RACGP.

Guild Update

Information for transformation

SCRIPTMAP 2020 is the latest offering in the Guild's suite of pharmacy transformation tools designed to help transform community pharmacies into a model providing more viable professional health advice and services.

ScriptMAP is the industry's leading financial forecasting product delivering a customised analysis - based on the pharmacy's own dispensing data for 12 months - of changes to the PBS predicted out till 2020.

ScriptMAP forecasts business remuneration out to 2020 and assesses for the community pharmacy the expectation for alternative business strategies.

Prescriptions account for an average 66.5 per cent of pharmacy revenue, making intelligence on projections the necessary first step in helping owners manage their pharmacy business and minimise risk.

By analysing a pharmacy's dispensing data, ScriptMAP combines volume growth, substitution rates, discounting data and trading terms to evaluate the expected gross margin for the business to 2020.

Run your business more effectively - visit guild.org.au/scriptmap to get started.

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