

MedAdvisor extends into hospitals

LISTED digital medicine management company MedAdvisor has announced it has inked a deal with HPS, a subsidiary of EBOS Group and Australia's largest provider of outsourced pharmacy services to private hospitals, to develop and pilot an integrated medication management solution for use in hospitals.

The agreement could lead to simpler admission processes and ensure better continuity of care for those in transition, MedAdvisor ceo Robert Read said.

Vet MATES on PPIs

VETERANS' Medicines Advice and Therapeutics Education Services (Veterans' MATES) has issued guidance around the use of proton pump inhibitors (PPIs).

MATES says that although a short course of a proton pump inhibitor (PPI) can be very effective for relieving reflux/heartburn symptoms, veterans who have been taking a proton pump inhibitor for longer than eight weeks, should ask their GP whether they still need it.

For more information, visit veteransmates.net.au.

Ramsay franchise of choice

RAMSAY Health Care has reported its full year results with commitments to become the "franchise network of choice for community-based health solutions, pharmacy products and services".

The expansion of its pharmacy franchise network is a key element of the company's future positive growth outlook.

The growth in Australian pharmacy expansion in the first half of the year was tempered by investment in infrastructure and resources in the second half, md Craig McNally said.

The full year results reported \$9.2 billion in group revenue, up 5.4% from the previous year.

Earnings before income tax depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) were \$1.4 billion, up 6.2%.

The hospital and pharmacy health

Spinraza AusPAR

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has published an Australian Public Assessment Report for new chemical entity Biogen's Spinraza (nusinersen), indicated for treatment of 5q Spinal Muscular Atrophy - tga.gov.au.

care group's final fully franked dividend was 86.5c making a total full year dividend of 144c, up 7.1%.

The French sector of the business has found improvement in the environment for private hospitals, while the UK has headwinds around NHS cost containment and reduced volumes.

Predictably, Asia remains the growth star with the market remaining competitive, with 2018 FY results up 27.7%.

The group added Queensland's 18 Malouf pharmacies to its network bringing the total number of franchises to 54, but has temporarily slowed the rollout to establish infrastructure for long term sustainability - asx.com.au.

Fish oil heartless

FOR patients without a history of cardiovascular disease, neither fish oil nor aspirin convey any benefit with relation to heart attacks, new Oxford University research says.

Fish oil supplements were "safe, but offered no added benefit," said Dr Bowman, professor of medicine and clinical trials at the university.

In the aspirin study, participants who took 100mg daily had a lower rate of cardiovascular events (down 12%), but it upped the risk of major bleeding by 29%, outweighing any benefit, authors said.

"The absolute benefits were largely counterbalanced by the bleeding hazard," said the team, led by Dr Jane Armitage, professor of clinical trials and epidemiology at Nuffield - **CLICK HERE**.

Contenance early bird

THE 24th National Conference on Incontinence is being held in Hobart, Tasmania, 24-27 Oct and early bird registration closes Wed 05 Sep, with a potential saving of \$165 off full registration later.

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Dispensary Corner

DOES facial recognition work? It sure does and looks like it may come to the rescue of frustrated parents with precocious children.

Here's your chance to catch up to your five-year-old at finding that thick-rimmed glassed, stripey jumpered Wally in those infernal detailed *Where's Wally* books.

Developers have created a machine that uses facial recognition technology to identify Wally in a crowd of up to 300 other fictional faces, and it can do so in less than four seconds.

That should do the trick!

The facial recognition software is Google's own and the inventor Matt Reed, 41, says his robot's arm will point to Wally on the page, crushing your five-year-old's best times.



A LITTLE town 80 kilometres northeast of Wellington, New Zealand, called Carterton, has grown a veritable sh*t storm on social media worldwide.

Mayor of the 5,240-strong community John Booth had erected a sign outside public toilets that spelled out the offensive word: "Carterton does cool sh*t".

Booth said Carterton was having "a good old cackle" about the sign, even though it has impacted sensibilities, sensitivities and even funny bones around the globe.

A local butcher joined the town-trend erecting a sign saying his business helps "make ends meat".

TWC pharmacy has a big heart



TERRYWHITE Chemmart will launch its annual blood pressure campaign in Sep, aiming to conduct over 10,000 blood pressure checks and raise awareness of heart disease, heart attack and cardiovascular disease which kills one Australian every 12 minutes.

Celebrating the annual program at the TWC conference this week, ceo Anthony White announced the winners of the TerryWhite Chemmart H.E.A.R.T. Awards that cover recognition across health, customer service, innovation,

service and leadership at their Gala Awards held last Tue night in Sydney.

Other awards presented included Pharmacy of the Year award, won by TWC Samford, Qld, for customer service excellence led by owner and 2018 Pharmacist of the Year Karen Brown.

TWC Chester Pass Albany, WA, won the Innovation Award for a new engagement program. More than 560 delegates were present at this year's TWC Member Conference in Sydney.

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Bright Star cleansing balm removes all types of makeup, cleanses and refreshes the skin; and refines skin texture and brightens it. What is the ingredient used to refine skin texture and brightening?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Anna Phan



Drugs in pregnancy

THE Women's Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Medicines Guide (PBMG) for healthcare professionals is a quick reference guide from the RWH, Parkville, Victoria on medicine use in pregnancy and breastfeeding - thewomenspbmg.org.au.

Events Calendar

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If you have an upcoming event you'd like us to feature, email info@pharmacydaily.com.au.

7 - 8 Sep: Pharmacy Connect; Hilton Hotel Sydney; register at: pharmacy-connect.com.au

19 Sep: Complementary Medicines Australia (CMA) 2018 Annual Conference and Industry Awards; Dockside Darling Harbour; for details see: www.cmaustralia.org.au

16 - 19 Oct: Pharmacy Alliance Members' Forum; Hamilton Island; register now: pamembersforum.com.au

25 - 27 Oct: Pharmacy Assistant National Conference; Sea World Resort, Gold Coast; for details see: pharmacyassistants.com

28 Oct - 2 Nov: Pharmeducation Annual Conference; Byron Bay; register at: pharmeducationbyron.com.au

22 - 25 Nov: SHPA Medicines Management 2018; Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre; early bird regos close 21 Sep 2018; details on: www.mm2018shpa.com