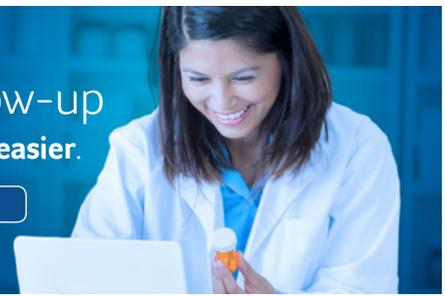


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Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news plus a full page from **Lorella Footwear**.

Lorella PD exclusive

PHARMACY Daily subscribers are being offered special pricing on Lorella orthotic thongs, with 20% off purchases confirmed before 30 Nov 2018 - see **page three**.

Bod - CWG contract

LISTED medicinal cannabis company Bod Australia has inked a deal with Chemist Warehouse Group (CWG) to manage the dispensing of its cannabis products, starting with Bod's pharma grade CBD oil MediCabilis.

The product is available under the TGA's Authorised Prescriber and Special Access (Category B) Schemes, and with the CWG arrangement will be accessible through some 450 stores nationally.

Bod said it was also pursuing agreements with wholesalers and other pharmacy groups to ensure medicinal cannabis items were widely available.

The company said it would initiate a comprehensive education and support program for patients, physicians and pharmacies ensuring each stakeholder in the supply chain was fully informed around all aspects of the drug's use.

AIHW releases opioid study

NEWLY released data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) shows deaths involving opioids have almost doubled over the last decade, while over 10% of Australians have used illegal opioids or misused prescribed ones in their lifetime.

The report, produced in collaboration with the Canadian Institute for Health Information, is the first to provide a comprehensive national snapshot of opioid use and harm here, while also drawing comparisons to Canadian results.

In Australia in 2016-17, 3.1 million people had one or more scripts dispensed for opioids, the AIHW report indicates.

During the same year 715,000 people used pharmaceutical opioids for illicit or non-medical purposes, while around 40,000 Australians used heroin.

AIHW spokesperson Lynelle Moon said "every day in Australia there are nearly 150 hospitalisations and 14 presentations to emergency departments involving opioid harm, and three people die from drug-induced deaths involving opioid use."

Moon said in the case of both deaths and hospitalisations, pharmaceutical opioids were more likely to be responsible than illegal opioids - and in both

Australia and Canada there were more hospitalisations involving side effects from intended use of pharmaceutical opioids than from misuse of illicit opioids.

In 2016-17 15.4 million opioid scripts were dispensed under the PBS, with oxycodone the most commonly dispensed prescription opioid, followed by codeine and then tramadol.

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia said the new report added to the "building impetus for collaborative and effective nationwide action".

SHPA CEO Kristin Michaels noted that post-operative care was a key target for reducing opioid misuse, with the issue explored during the recent Medicines Leadership Forum convened by the Society.

Information relating to current practices in hospitals across Australia and recommendations around reducing gaps and variability in service delivery and patient care will be released in SHPA's *Reducing Opioid-related harm: An Australian hospital landscape* paper.

The full AIHW report is available online at aihw.gov.au.

NDSS co-payments to be reduced

HEALTH Minister Greg Hunt has announced a drop in co-payments for some products supplied under the National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS) from 01 Dec.

For blood glucose test strips and urine test strips costs to registered NDSS participants will drop for all people without a concession card, while insulin pump infusion sets and reservoirs will also become cheaper for some patients.

Co-payments for insulin syringes will continue to be subsidised by State or Territory Governments.

Hunt said over 600,000 Australians with diabetes will save up to \$126 per year on the cost of already subsidised items.

Some changes will also be made to certain insulin syringes and some blood glucose test strips on the list of products available on the NDSS.

However during a transition period from 01 Dec-28 Feb patients may be able to purchase existing brands being removed from the NDSS subsidised list.

NDSS registrants will be eligible to receive a free blood glucose meter associated with their preferred new brand of blood glucose test strips - for more info see ndss.com.au.

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FIP journal out

THE International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) has released the latest edition of its *IPJ* journal, featuring reports from the recent 2018 FIP Congress illustrating positive changes in the profession helping improve the quality of life in countries across the globe.



Weekly Comment

Welcome to Pharmacy Daily's weekly comment feature.



This week's contributor is Judy Cheung-Wood, SkinB5 Founder & Managing Director.

Superfood Powder Fatigue: What are you Actually Getting?

A HEALTHY diet of protein, fruits and vegetables has enormous benefits for the skin. Trying to consume high levels of nutrients can prove impossible to maintain daily in the framework of the modern hectic schedule.

Superfood powders are the same: while there are elite options on the market, offering various skin benefits, none are designed with complex nutrition required for clear skin.

When each formula available falls short in one way or another, consumers are faced with the arduous task of adding various powders to attain a complete solution. And then, Superfood powder fatigue quickly sets in.

Added to this, it is expensive to splurge on more than one superfood powder at a time, deterring consumers from ongoing use.

An ideal clear skin superfood powder should include essentials such as collagen, hemp protein, spirulina, prebiotics, probiotics, digestive enzymes, alkalising greens, a broad spectrum of vitamins and minerals, a high concentration of antioxidants from super fruits and vegetables, super seeds, harmonising and cleansing herbs and stress management herbs.

Seek a one product solution for maximum nutrients and to combat superfood fatigue; that includes every single micro nutrient, vitamin, skin boosting benefits and tastes great.

Dispensary Corner

BOVINE manure may be great for the azaleas but it's usually something less than delightful for the olfactory nerves.

That could all be about to change with the US approval of Exporior, a drug which lowers the amount of ammonia emissions released by cattle, reducing the plethora of putrid pats in the paddock.

According to the Food & Drug Administration, ammonia can cause atmospheric haze and harmful odours, so the drug is not only aesthetically pleasing, but also helps the environment.

So far, Exporior has been approved for use in beef cattle, including steers and heifers, in their last days before slaughter.



A NEW toilet seat which can detect congestive heart failure has taken out first prize in a US innovation competition.

The product has been designed by Heart Health Intelligence, with the aim of lowering hospital readmission rates of patients.

The special seats can measure the heart rate, blood pressure, blood volume and oxygenation levels of patients - as well as their weight - while they sit on the loo.

Creator Nicholas Conn said the system was able to pick up deteriorating conditions before patients even realised they were symptomatic, with data sent to hospital staff who could intervene to quickly adjust medications.

National Pharmacies celebrates



MORE than 350 National Pharmacies staff from across Vic, NSW and South Australia took part in the group's National Conference and Staff Awards earlier this month.

The Adelaide Convention Centre was the venue for the event, which for the first time brought together all of the group's staff in a combined conference.

National Pharmacies has 40 pharmacies and 20 optical stores in SA, as well as a dozen interstate pharmacies, with awards given during the conference to recognise

outstanding achievement in service, business and values.

Key supporters included Mylan, Willach Australia, Pharmacium, Impromy and Zeiss Australia.

The company said it was a "fantastic occasion to recognise the outstanding commitment of National Pharmacies staff and to announce new staff-centred policies and programs".

National Pharmacies is a mutual society, where profits made through operations are returned to members in the form of benefits.

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