



Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news plus a full page from Pharmacy Assistant National Conference.

CMA presidency

PAUL Mannion, Blackmores Director of Product Innovation, has been elected as President of the Board of Complementary Medicines Australia (CMA). Mannion joined the CMA Board in 2012, and takes over the President role from Dusko Pejnovic, CEO of Lipa Pharmaceuticals who becomes CMA Vice President.

CMA CEO Carl Gibson said the organisation was excited about taking the industry forward, amid "growing acceptance of the benefits of quality therapeutic complementary medicines as an element of preventive health".

New Minfos online catalogue

MINFOS has launched an online product catalogue that features over 500,000 items sourced directly from suppliers.

The EBOS offshoot said the new functionality would help pharmacies improve efficiency when managing product stock cards.

Now, customers can search the catalogue to find products, suppliers and relevant information such as barcodes, descriptions, ordering codes and Minfos National Product Numbers (MNP), all from one convenient place.

"We understand the importance of having accurate product information and how pivotal it is

Guild urges DAA mandate

THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia says the current national focus on aged care via the newly announced Royal Commission has highlighted the "strong rationale for requiring all regularly dispensed chronic disease medicines for aged care residents to be supplied in dose administration aids".

Writing in his fortnightly *Forefront*

Qld report delayed

THE Queensland Parliamentary Committee looking at transfers of pharmacy ownership and the possible establishment of a Pharmacy Council in the state will now not hand down its keenly anticipated report until 16 Oct.

Initially the deadline for the report was 30 Sep but this has been extended until the middle of Oct.

for pharmacies to manage their inventory," said EBOS gm Pharmacy Technology Andrew Hall.

"By bringing this capability online in an easy-to-use solution, Minfos continues to help our customers be the best retailers they can be."

The online Minfos Product Catalogue helps customers obtain products or supplier codes that they do not have within their Minfos store-level database and will also deliver a high level of data integrity, which helps customers avoid errors and discrepancies.

CLICK HERE to access the Minfos Product Catalogue video or contact Minfos on 1300 887 418.

update yesterday, Guild Executive Director David Quilty said there should be appropriate financial recognition for pharmacies for the safe preparation and checking as well as for the maintaining of accurate medication charts.

He said Residential Medication Management Reviews undertaken by pharmacists should wherever possible be directed to medicines supply and focus on key known aged care issues such as medicine misadventure and overprescribing.

Quilty said the consumer directed model of community aged care support should fully recognise medication management and support as a "core service to enable ageing Australians to live independently in the community".

6CPA slow claims

THE Health Dept has warned that due to a high volume of claim submissions through the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement portal it is taking longer than usual to generate new claim numbers.

"The 6CPA team is working on rectifying this issue and hope to have a resolution shortly," according to a post at 6cpa.com.au.

Free diabetes webinar

NPS MedicineWise in partnership with the Australian Diabetes Society is offering free access to a webinar focusing on cardiovascular risk in patients with type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

Titled "Getting to the heart of diabetes", the multidisciplinary discussion with an expert panel will be held Thu 18 Oct, 7:00 – 8:00pm AEDT - register at nps.org.au.

Instant Consult app

TELEHEALTH GP market entrant Instant Consult has announced it has launched a free mobile app that instantly connects Australians with a qualified GP, by means of a video call.

Instant Consult recently partnered with a number of leading Australian pharmacies,

including Chemist Warehouse, to accept digital prescriptions, allowing patients to receive medication without delay.

The system can provide a wide range of services including patient diagnosis, treatment plans, prescriptions, medical certificates and specialist referrals.

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Dispensary Corner

THE relentless search for the ideal “selfie” has led to more than 250 deaths, according to a study published in the *Journal of Family Medicine & Primary Care*.

Researchers from the India Institute of Medical Sciences trawled news articles between 2011 and 2017 and found 259 reported selfie tragedies as like-seekers plummeted to their death from attractive vantage points, were mauled to death by wild animals or run down by trains as they took their own perfect snap.

The average age of those killed was just under 23, and over three quarters of those killed taking selfies were male.

The top causes of death were drowning, being hit by a vehicle or falling - while the USA led in terms of firearm-related “selficides”.

AN AMERICAN couple experienced a somewhat unwelcome “Rocky Mountain high” after they hiked to a scenic location in Colorado where the 27-year-old man proposed to his girlfriend.

The adventure took them to Jasper Peak, which has an elevation of almost 4,000m - but after he popped the question and was joyfully accepted, they unfortunately became lost as darkness fell during their return.

Another hiker found the loved-up pair suffering from dehydration and altitude sickness, with rescuers reaching them early the next morning.

According to the Boulder County sheriff’s office, they didn’t end up requiring medical treatment and despite the mishap the engagement is “still on”.

Pharmacist Rx forum report

THE Pharmacy Board of Australia has published a report about a forum it hosted earlier this year (PD 02 Jul 2018) to consider the need and opportunities for expanding pharmacist involvement in prescribing.

The Pharmacist Prescribing Forum report, a background paper and two other reports about prescribing commissioned by the Board are available in the Professional practice issues section of the Board’s website.

The forum explored the potential expanded role of pharmacists in prescribing in order to contribute to supporting access to medicines in Australia, which aligns with the objectives of the National Scheme, including “to enable the continuous development of a flexible, responsive and sustainable health workforce and to enable innovation in the education of, and service delivery by, health practitioners”.

Following the release of the report, the Board is currently preparing a discussion paper to seek the views of the pharmacy profession, other health professionals and the public about the need for and potential models of pharmacist prescribing.

The forum gave generally strong support for enhancing the role of

pharmacists to include prescribing, with the proviso that prescribing and dispensing functions should be separated.

Team-based collaborative care was a dominant theme, the report said, and there was strong agreement that additional education and training would be required for autonomous prescribing especially in relation to addressing the competencies required for diagnosis and assessment.

There was also a clear need to create uniformity across states and territories around any regulatory adjustments required.

See pharmacyboard.gov.au.

Cervical cancer rare

CERVICAL cancer may become a rare disease in Australia within just two years and be so uncommon by 2028 it will be deemed eliminated as a public health problem for the first time anywhere in the world, according to research published in the *Lancet Public Health Journal*.

The prediction attributes the result to the 2008 introduction of the national human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination program for schoolchildren, as well as the 1991 pap smear scheme.

New Entity supplements

ENTITY Health has announced the introduction to the market of two new supplements dedicated to skin health and stress.

LumeniX “harnesses the power of glutathione to reduce uneven skin tone and hyperpigmentation, leaving a visible



improvement to the texture of your skin” - RRP is \$160.00 for 60 wafers.

RevitaliX helps improve mood and promote relaxation via a unique blend of red and black maca, a Peruvian herbaceous plant.

RevitaliX RRP is \$29.00 for 60 Tablets.

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