

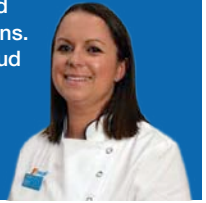


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Testosterone options

BESINS Healthcare, manufacturers of Testogel (1% transdermal testosterone gel) estimates that up to 20,000 Australian men may be affected by current shortages of Bayer's Reandron and Primoteston brands.

Besins MD Geoff Blundell has reassured patients and healthcare professionals that Testogel is unaffected by these shortages.

"We are pleased to confirm that wholesalers have access to ample stock of both the Testogel pump and sachet formulations to meet increased need during this period."

Reandron and Primoteston will be unavailable until after 31 Dec 2018 and 31 Mar 2019 respectively.

See tga.gov.au.

Exclusive direct warning

THE National Pharmaceutical Services Association has renewed a call to end exclusive-direct distribution of PBS medicines, saying if monopoly supply arrangements continue there will be no back-ups to protect patients from a single point of failure in the supply chain.

Speaking at the Eye for Pharma conference in Sydney yesterday, NPSA Chairman Mark Hooper from Sigma Pharmaceuticals said distribution which bypassed CSO wholesalers undermined government policy by restricting supply to a single source.

Hooper noted that the CSO funding pool supported

wholesalers in meeting the high regulated standards, such as the distribution of PBS products to all pharmacies - including low-volume and low-value medicines - as well as the distribution of the full PBS range to rural and remote Australia, generally within 24 hours.

"Ensuring the system works as intended does not limit any direct distribution channels pharmaceutical manufacturers may choose to explore, yet it prevents monopoly or exclusive arrangements," he said.

The peak wholesaler group had been working with the Department of Health to "ensure all aspects of patient access to PBS medicines are regulated to consistent, high standards," Hooper said.

"The CSO isn't about allowing individual companies to gain more control of the market...it's about securing a supply chain that works in patients' best interests."

The Government is currently undertaking a review of the CSO funding pool (**PD 13 Jun**) which included a consultation period through until the end of Jun.

MedAdvisor appoints

ASX-LISTED digital medication management company MedAdvisor has announced the appointment of two key personnel as part of its expansion drive into the US market.

The additions include James Rotsart, Executive Vice President of Adheris Inc which is the largest US provider of tailored direct-to-patient medication adherence programs.

Also joining the team is Adheris co-founder Lucas Mellow, who also established Eliza Corporation which provided healthcare programs to major US health insurers and Pharmaceutical Benefits Managers.

MedAdvisor CEO Robert Read said "we are pleased to have attracted such high calibre industry players to help drive expansion into the US market...expansion beyond the Australian market is a key part of our growth strategy and our track record in Australia is highly regarded by companies internationally."

Read noted that the US market has some 65,000 pharmacies, with non-adherence estimated to cost as much as US\$100 billion annually.

SA Christmas Pageant sponsors

FROM 2019, South Australia's nationally watched Christmas Pageant will enter into a partnership with a new naming rights sponsor, National Pharmacies.

SA Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment David Ridgway confirmed that from next year South Australians would be celebrating the festive season at the National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant.

National Pharmacies MD Tony Wojciechowski said National Pharmacies was extremely proud to be the new flag bearer for this unique South Australian event.

"The Christmas Pageant is a great



event for children and families and that's why we're supporting it, because National Pharmacies exists for families."

Pictured with Christmas Pageant Elves and helpers are David Ridgway and Tony Wojciechowski.

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PBS stationery orders

THE Department of Human Services is urging health professionals to get orders for PBS stationery in by Wed 28 Nov to ensure it is received by Christmas.

Items available include PBS and RPBS repeat authorisation forms, PBS safety net prescription record forms, safety net entitlement cards and more - humanservices.gov.au.

Health spend surges

AUSTRALIA spent over \$180 billion on health in 2016-17, with the sector growing at its fastest rate in the last five years, according to a new Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report.

Almost 70% of total spending was funded by governments, with some of the increase attributed to higher PBS costs due to the \$1.7 billion inclusion of new hepatitis C drugs.

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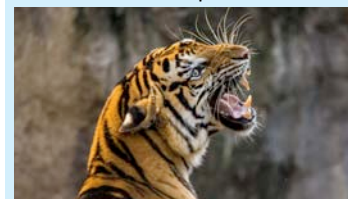
IT TURNS out it's not just the modern alpha-male who finds the scent of Calvin Klein's Obsession cologne attractive.

Wildlife authorities in India are considering the idea of using the trademark scent to lure in a tiger said to have killed at least nine people in the town of Pandharkawada.

According to officials, the synthetic version of the musk scent in the perfume is the key drawcard for the animals, which has already been used to catch at least two other tigers in India.

Chanel No 5 was also said to work in the same way, however wildlife official Sunil Limaye says he prefers the cheaper option "because Chanel is too costly."

Point well taken - one might say he'd earned his stripes.



MEANWHILE, a tiny webbed gecko has caused chaos in a Hawaiian seal hospital after it made a "bazillion" direct calls to hospital director, Claire Simeone.

Upon answering, Simeone was greeted with silence - an incident that was repeated nine more times before Simeone, finally worried enough to go searching, located the cheeky dialler clamped happily to the key pad of a fellow colleague's phone.

All's well that ends well - after calling in his favour, the gecko was safely returned to his rightful home among the outdoor plants.

TWC healthy diet shake-up

TERRYWHITE Chemmart (TWC) has announced a "refresh" of its Tony Ferguson 12-week weight loss program with new recipes and meal plans focusing on protein levels, sugar content, calories and a complementary exercise plan.

The new Tony Ferguson program has evolved from meal replacement shakes to a more personalised, healthy lifestyle way of eating, the company said.

TerryWhite Chemmart CEO Anthony White said, "Customers will have access to an online support program designed to help them successfully and responsibly achieve their goal weight, plus 12 weekly support emails from program designer, Gloria Cabrera, who is an accredited practising dietitian and personal trainer".

Customers will still be able to use Tony Ferguson's classic meal replacement ready-to-drink shakes but White said the program had been redesigned to take "a more holistic approach towards healthy

and sustainable weight loss.

"The revamped program aims to foster a healthy lifestyle by providing customers with the information and tools to prepare healthy meals and incorporate regular exercise into their lives," White said.

Participating customers will also receive 12 special offers at their local TerryWhite Chemmart store, and can opt into the program any day starting from today.

Six million have MHR

OVER six million Australians have registered for a My Health Record, or about 25% of the population.

The latest figures from the Australian Digital Health Agency also indicate that as at 30 Sep 2018, 13,956 healthcare provider organisations were registered, including 3,747 pharmacies.

Over 18 million prescriptions have been uploaded, along with 6.2 million dispense documents.

Win with Plunkett's

Everyday this week Pharmacy Daily and Plunkett's are giving away an Aloe Vera prize pack consisting of 2 Plunkett's Hi-Potency Aloe Vera Facial Masks, 1 hair turban and 1 gym towel valued at over \$30.

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