

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has three pages of news including our weekly **Health & Beauty** feature plus a full page from **Pharmacy 4 Less**.

Deprescribing focus

THIS month's edition of the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia's *Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Research (JPPR)* focuses on medicines deprescribing, saying "mitigation of sub-therapeutic or potentially harmful polypharmacy as integral to all pharmacy practice".

An editorial by Editor-in-Chief of the SHPA flagship journal, Dr Chris Alderman, questions why the deprescribing movement is still struggling to find widespread traction, while other articles feature 10 recommendations for system-level improvements in the quality use of medications for older people in Australia.

The Oct issue of *JPPR* is out now and is available free to SHPA members - see shpa.org.au/jppr.

Fred IT national RTPM deal

FRED IT Group has been appointed by the Federal Health Department to create and implement a new National Data Exchange (NDE) service, which will underpin the eventual national roll-out of real-time monitoring of prescription medications (RTPM).

Fred CEO Paul Naismith said the company's recent experience in the development of Victoria's new SafeScript system would be "invaluable in extending real-time prescription monitoring to health professionals in all states and territories".

The \$23 million contract will see the company "design, build and deliver the software system for the National Data Exchange" component of the system, with the project involving working closely with medical and pharmacy software vendors and jurisdictions to provide a consistent experience for health professionals practising

in different environments.

The system will also reflect individual state and territory requirements, Fred said.

"The introduction of a national

approach to real-time prescription monitoring will play a significant role in preventing prescription

medication misuse," Naismith said.

The system will provide health professionals with accurate and up-to-date clinical data about patient prescriptions, and thereby enable doctors and pharmacists to identify and support at-risk patients.

Telstra Health, the 50% owner of Fred along with the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, welcomed the announcement, with MD Mary Foley saying "platforms such as this leverage our rapidly digitising healthcare environment to connect healthcare silos, and will support providers to improve medication safety in the community".



Healthscope bid

PRIVATE hospital operator Healthscope has confirmed an unsolicited takeover bid from private equity group BGH Capital.

The proposal, described as a "preliminary, non-binding indication of interest" specifies an indicative price of \$2.36 in cash per share for the company, with the offer seeing the company soar almost 20% to \$2.13 yesterday.

Healthscope operates 43 hospitals across Australia, with the majority of the pharmacy operations at the hospitals conducted in partnership with HPS (*PD* 18 Jul 2016).

WA board meetings

THE Pharmacy Registration Board of Western Australia has said it would meet on the third Wed of every month from Jan 2019.

For the board to consider an application at a particular meeting it must be received no later than 20 business days prior to the meeting, and must be lodged electronically.

See pharmacyboardwa.com.au.

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TGA goes digital for Rx meds

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) is proposing to go purely digital with its updated submissions platform and seeks stakeholder input.

As part of the TGA's electronic dossier reforms agenda, it is planning to provide an "updated electronic submissions platform that is appropriate for Australian sponsors and is cognisant of the best-practice initiatives that are operating in the international environment...providing a single, standardised dossier format forms part of this agenda."

This consultation paper summarises the model the TGA

proposes to adopt as it transitions to accepting only eCTD formatted dossiers for prescription medicines.

The eCTD format was introduced within Australia in 2015, however it has been internationally utilised since 2003, following sign off by the International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH), with the purpose of standardising dossier format globally and making the process more efficient for sponsors and regulators.

The consultation calls for input relating to suggested improvements, any perceived impacts on business, costs and benefits anticipated and suggestions around education and guidance material.

Visit tga.gov.au for more info.

Holloway honoured

GRAEME Holloway was honoured with a Tasmanian Pharmacist Lifetime Achievement Award at the Tasmanian Pharmacist Dinner held last weekend.

PSA National President Shane Jackson said Holloway had helped to raise the standards of the profession and pharmacy organisations.

"Graeme was a fantastic mentor, not only to his own staff but to the hospital pharmacy interns he trained," Jackson said.

Other winners included Tom Simpson who took out the Pharmacist of the Year award, while Emma Shepperd won the Early Career Pharmacist Award.

Pictured below is Holloway, right, being presented with his achievement award by Jackson.



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Friendly assistance for Telethon



WESTERN Australia-based Friendlies Pharmacy got behind Perth fundraiser Telethon this year by raising \$27,625.10.

Friendlies Pharmacy achieved the figure thanks to the support of customers who purchased a Fat Cat Doll or HBF Ted at Friendlies over the last year.

The pharmacy said it had Fat Cat dolls available in store all year round.

Telethon provides equipment for children in hospital, critical services for children with disabilities and life-changing opportunities for disadvantaged children and this year raised a total of \$38 million for the cause.

The generous WA community has contributed a staggering \$300 million to Telethon since 1968.

Pictured is Luke McKinnon, Head of Pharmacy, handing over the gigantic novelty cheque at the Telethon event on Sun.

Hay fever video

ENT Technologies has released a new video in partnership with Asthma Australia highlighting options for managing hay fever.

It's particularly timely given Australia is well into spring and the thunderstorm asthma season, with pharmacist Wendy Jin explaining hay fever treatment and the role of nasal salines.

See pharmacydaily.com.au/videos.

Fake charity alert

THE Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has issued a warning about scammers who are "increasingly using fake charities or impersonating real charities to take advantage of people's generosity".

So far in 2018 the ACCC's Scamwatch has received almost 700 reports of fake charity scams, with more than \$320,000 in reported losses.

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Is NS-8 suitable for people with diabetes?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Sue Gayton.

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Dispensary Corner

CALL it the Great Kansas Colon Caper of 2018: police in the US midwest are on the look-out for a giant inflatable model of a human intestine that appears to have been stolen from a university cancer research centre.

According to the *Kansas City Star*, the three-metre organ is worth US\$4,000 and was lifted from the bed of a parked pick-up truck last week.

The walk-through educational aid had been enlisted to help spread the word about colon cancer at a charity run, but ended up being a no-show.

"Colon cancer is a tough subject for many to talk about and the giant, 150-pound, ten-foot-long inflatable colon is a great conversation starter," said University of Kansas Cancer Center surgical oncologist John Ashcraft of the missing item.

Anyone who knows its whereabouts is asked to call Kansas City police.

IN A development as predictable as the onset of midnight munchies, police in Canada have been called to help manage frustrated crowds after the country's recent legalisation of recreational cannabis led to a run on supply at key retailers.

According to *The Independent*, the change in law has resulted in long queues and stock shortages as retailers struggled to keep up with a not-so-chilled clientele.

"We expected, you know, certain strains might run out and there would be a bit of a run on supply," conceded former Toronto police chief Bill Blair who led the legalisation process.

Health, Beauty and New Products

Welcome to our weekly promoted feature with all the latest health, beauty and new products for pharmacy. Suppliers wanting to promote products in this feature should email newproducts@pharmacydaily.com.au

Skin Doctors beetoX is all the buzz

Skin Doctors beetoX instantly helps activate skin cells to reduce the appearance of wrinkles, smooth fine lines and lift sagging skin. It works to control facial muscles for cumulative tightening, lifting, plumping and firming of the skin. The Bee Venom product is clinically proven to triple the formation of collagen in just seven days, and increase cell renewal by 80% in 15 days leaving skin looking brighter, firmer and visibly younger. Manuka Honey in the product ensures the skin is properly nourished, renewed and revitalised. Skin Doctors beetoX is ideal for any age or skin type.



Stockist: Pharmicare 02 9997 1466

RRP: \$59.95

Website: www.skindoctors.com.au

Clozole Vaginal Cream 3-Day Rx

This month Chemists' Own announced the launch of **Clozole**



Vaginal Cream 3 Day Treatment designed to deliver effective relief from vaginal candidiasis (commonly referred to as thrush). Chemists' Own Clozole Vaginal Cream 3 Day Treatment is a range extension to Chemists' Own Clozole Vaginal Cream 6 Day Treatment. Clozole's active ingredient is clotrimazole 20mg/g and comes with three applicators for once daily application. Clozole is available in pharmacies only. Use only as directed - if symptoms persist, see your health professional.

Stockist: 1300 9 ARROW (27769)

RRP: \$12.49

Website: www.chemistsown.com.au

Copacabana Complexion Palette



Designer Brands (DB) wants you to rock a glow that's ready for Carnival with this three-shade complexion tin - the **Copacabana Complexion Palette**. Use the crystal shade to glow like a solar flare and the rose shade to add

dimension to your blush. Finally add a gilded warmth to cheeks with the golden shade. This complexion palette comes in a magnetic closure tin and includes an integrated mirror for spot-on application.

Stockist: 03 8544 8000

RRP: \$9.99

Website: www.dbcosmetics.com.au

Face Day Wear BB Cream SPF50+



The Cancer Council brings to market a product that protects and moisturises while giving medium coverage. **Face Day Wear BB Cream SPF50+** is enhanced with natural oils and extracts, including argan, jojoba, acai, chamomile, Kakadu plum and green tea to help calm, condition and moisturise the skin. It is available in light and medium

tints and easily blends into most skin tones once applied to the face. Each Face Day Wear SPF50+ is dermatologically tested and is fragrance and paraben free, making it suitable for sensitive skin.

Stockist: Major wholesalers

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