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Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has three pages of news including our weekly Health & Beauty feature.

Nursing home meds

NEARLY two-thirds of nursing home residents are given psychiatric drugs every day according to a drug-use survey by the University of Tasmania.

The data showed that 61% of 11,300 residents in 150 homes were on daily doses of benzodiazepines or antidepressants, many of which were given for their sedative function.

The study found that these drugs were often inappropriately prescribed with experts saying these high rates demonstrate the prevalence of chemical restraint in nursing homes, especially to help with behaviour control for those with dementia.

Limits on staff numbers make it difficult for nursing staff to manage behaviours such as wandering, agitation and calling out.

Mandated staff-to-resident ratios could help reduce chemical restraint to a last resort, authors wrote.

DDS leads satisfaction poll

DISCOUNT Drug Stores (DDS) has once again taken out the top honours in the monthly Customer Satisfaction Awards conducted by Roy Morgan Research, with the Sigma Healthcare brand winning the survey in Aug 2018 for the fourth month running.

The awards are collated from Roy Morgan's Single Source Survey of about 50,000 Australians annually, with the Aug pharmacy figures based on a rolling annual sample of 9,277 consumers who had visited pharmacies during the period.

DDS had a 92% satisfaction rating for the month, followed by Priceline Pharmacy which was

in second spot, followed by My Chemist, Amcal and then Chemist Warehouse.

Other monthly winners this year have included Priceline Pharmacy, which topped the survey in Apr, as well as MyChemist which came out on top in Jan and Feb, while DDS also took out the honours in Mar.

Bod links with Uni of Sydney's Lambert

MEDICINAL cannabis and health products company Bod has announced it has entered a research collaboration with the University of Sydney Lambert Initiative for the development of a compound marker required in the Phase I clinical trial of Bod's sublingual cannabis wafer.

The Lambert Initiative was formed in 2015 following a \$33.7m donation from the Lambert family to the university for research into therapeutic uses of medicinal cannabis.

The grant will cover around 50% of the total project costs.

Bod says the Phase I Clinical trial continues with initial results expected in Nov 2018.

Migraine course

GUILD Learning and Development has launched a new course to educate pharmacists on Aimovig (erenumab), which was recently registered in Australia for migraine prophylaxis (PD 23 Aug).

The course, developed with the support of Novartis, examines the symptoms, pathophysiology and role of pharmacists in the treatment of migraine and introduces the monoclonal antibody - details at myCPD.org.au.

Patent search tool

THE World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has launched a new online tool to help government medication procurement agencies across the globe better understand the global patent status of drugs.

The Patent Information Initiative for Medicines (Pat-INFORMED) has been developed in partnership with the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers (IFPMA), which represents research-based pharmaceutical companies and associations across the globe.

WIPO is hosting the database and providing resources to ensure its continued development, while IFPMA is working closely with 20 biopharmaceutical companies that have backed the initiative.

“While information about patent applications and grants reside in the public domain, resources that directly link patents to medicines already on the market are scarce and limited,” WIPO said.

The new database aims to help close these gaps and make patent research easier, as well as offering procurement agencies a direct communication channel with participating companies.

Pat-INFORMED currently hosts details of 14,000 drug patents.

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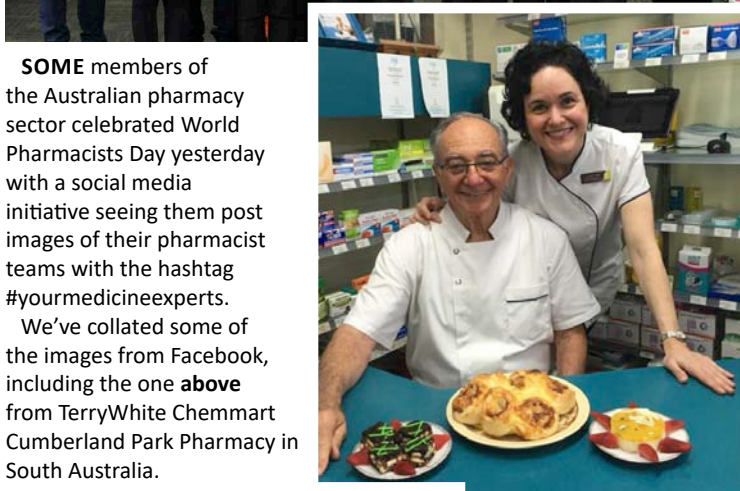


#yourmedicineexperts



SOME members of the Australian pharmacy sector celebrated World Pharmacists Day yesterday with a social media initiative seeing them post images of their pharmacist teams with the hashtag #yourmedicineexperts.

We've collated some of the images from Facebook, including the one **above** from TerryWhite Chemmart Cumberland Park Pharmacy in South Australia.



Above are Fred Lizzio and Loretta Musumeci from Babinnda Pharmacy in Queensland with a celebratory morning tea.

And at **left** is the team from Northampton Pharmacy in Western Australia, while **below** is the selfie from TerryWhite Chemmart Coffs Harbour in NSW including Tanya, Cal, Carl, Pete and Jas.



Antihistamine probe

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has proposed undertaking a safety investigation of off-label use of a Schedule 2 brompheniramine/phenylephrine oral liquid indicated for allergic rhinitis which is being used off-label for "cough and cold" indications in young children.

The move follows a submission to a consultation on new Required Advisory Statements for Medicine Labels (RASML) for sedating antihistamines.

The NSW Poisons Information Centre expressed concern about increasing numbers of accidental and therapeutic error exposures to sedating antihistamines in children aged 2-5.

The consultation has also seen planned new RASML for the class of medications set to be mandated from 01 Sep 2020 - tga.gov.au.

Canadian pharmacist struck off

THE College of Pharmacists of British Columbia in Canada has deregistered a pharmacist who allegedly sold unsterile capsules containing human placenta.

The Marigold Compounding and Natural Pharmacy on Vancouver Island closed in 2014 over safety concerns, with pharmacist Isidoro Andres Sanchez said to show a "blatant disregard for public safety".

Tilray cannabis for Vic



NASDAQ-LISTED North American pharmaceutical-grade medicinal cannabis producer Tilray has announced it has successfully exported medical cannabis from Canada to Australia to distribute to critically ill children.

Tilray said it will distribute its CBD 100 product to three hospitals in the state of Victoria via its wholly-owned subsidiary Tilray Australia New Zealand Pty Ltd.

The products are being supplied to Royal Children's Hospital, Monash Children's Hospital and Austin Health with support from the Government of Victoria's Department of Health and Human Services, Victoria (DHHS), where they will be distributed to children suffering from intractable epilepsy.

The company first exported medicinal cannabis to Victoria 18 months ago (**PD** 06 Mar 2017) for 29 critically ill children through a compassionate access scheme.

According to a Victorian Government update, in less than one year the scheme "has already helped children see a reduction in seizures and has significantly improved their quality of life."

Tilray CBD 100 is an oral solution of concentrated cannabinoid extract with a target concentration of 100mg/ml CBD in a 25ml vial.

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How good are the optics?

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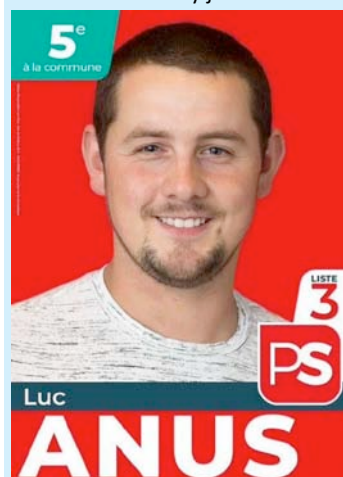
Dispensary Corner

A BELGIAN politician has suffered a severe case of “lost in translation” after an online poster promoting his candidacy (**below**) went viral across the globe.

It appears to be because his name is Luc Anus - completely normal to the locals but with an unfortunate bodily connotation for English speakers.

Anus said he has also had problems with social media, telling local reporters “Facebook just does not accept my name”.

He’s now listed as Luc Anu on the site, in the hope he won’t be the butt of as many jokes.



NOT really what you’d expect at a baby health clinic.

Residents of Kanuma City north of Tokyo in Japan have this week participated in an annual “crying sumo” contest for infants.

The bizarre competition involves two wrestlers each holding a baby over their heads while shouting at them to get them to wail.

The baby who cried first used to be the winner, but now both competitors receive prizes.

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

Natural Baby Bamboo Baby Wipes

GAIA Natural Baby's **Bamboo Baby Wipes** gently cleanse, soothe and care for baby's delicate skin at change time. So popular, GAIA Bamboo Baby Wipes claimed silver in the 2018 My Child awards for favourite baby wipes. These ultra-soft and biodegradable bamboo cloth wipes include organic aloe vera for hydrating and soothing, organic chamomile to help soothe and calm, and organic green tea to gently cleanse the skin. Perfect for face, hands and nappy area, GAIA wipes are free from alcohol, chlorine, bleach, petrochemicals, soap, sulphates and paraben preservatives.



Stockist: Major wholesalers

RRP: \$2.99 for 20, \$5.95 for 80, \$14.95 for 240 pack

Website: www.gaiaskinnaturals.com

Anti-Ageing Face Matté SPF 50+



Pharmacy-only brand Ego celebrates 30 years of sun protection with its SunSense brand. Today we feature SunSense **Anti-Ageing Face Matté SPF 50+**, an oil-free sunscreen formulated with alpha hydroxy acids, nicotinamide and vitamin E to help reduce fine lines and wrinkles. For the face and neck, the cream contains SPF 50+ UVA and UVB broad-spectrum protection. The light, moisturising lotion has a sheer tint for an invisible matte finish. This product

improves skin texture, firmness and tone. It is non-comedogenic so it won't block pores. The cream is fragrance-, PABA-, and lanolin-free.

Stockist: 1800 033 706

RRP: \$20.95

Website: www.sunsense.com.au

Be Curly Curl Controller by Aveda

Aveda **Be Curly Curl Controller** is a unique, easy-to-spread liquid complex that smooths and elongates curls while moisturising and conditioning for reduced frizz. With a naturally derived formula of organic babassu oil, wheat protein and organic aloe, it also features a light citrus aroma composed of lime, lemon, bergamont and orange. Apply this unique curl controlling product to towel-dried hair. This is the perfect complement to Aveda's Be Curly Co-Wash and Be Curly Conditioner.



Stockist: 1800 292 069

RRP: \$39.95

Website: www.aveda.com.au

Lady Jayne Nit Comb - Fine Tooth



Lady Jayne has the answer to the bothersome nit season: the **Nit Comb - Fine Tooth**. The close-set teeth in this comb dislodge both the lice and

their eggs from the hair. The nit comb is available in ivory and black colours to allow for contrast and easy identification of nits: the black comb allows for the detection of yellow-white coloured eggs; the ivory comb makes the red-brown coloured lice easier to see. Lady Jayne Nit Comb - Fine Tooth is gentle on the scalp and is suitable for all hair types.

Stockist: 1800 651 146

RRP: \$2.99 for pack of 2, \$89.50 for 50

Website: www.ladyjayne.com.au