

Today's issue of PD

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

SHPA budget alert

THE Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) has swung into urgent action in recent weeks after highlighting a revision to private and public hospital pharmacy pricing as part of the 2019 Federal Budget.

The previously unheralded cuts will reduce wholesale markups on Section 85 medicines from the current 11.1% uncapped level, to 7.52% of the approved ex-manufacturer price.

According to preliminary SHPA estimates the changes could result in a "significant reduction in funding across hospitals nationally," with the Society's CEO Kristin Michaels saying "we are concerned the impact of the proposed cuts may negate some of the great achievements made by hospital pharmacists in the provision of safe and quality patient care in recent decades".

Michaels said the new pricing regime is set to be introduced on 01 Jul 2019, with SHPA planning to advocate to the incoming government to prevent or reduce any negative impacts.

She also encouraged SHPA members to ensure the CEOs of their respective health services were aware of the planned change, and to stay in touch with local SHPA representatives as appropriate.

PDL urges vax vigilance

PHARMACIST indemnity insurer, PDL, is urging pharmacists to take steps to avoid potential incidents relating to pharmacist administered influenza vaccinations.

With age-related incidents among the most common, the professional indemnity insurer has recommended that pharmacists and assistants pay close attention to the patient's age prior to dispensing or administering flu vaccines.

"The most common of the age-related incidents involve influenza vaccine prescriptions for children," PDL said.

"Often these prescriptions are written generically... if the age of the patient (i.e. the child) is not identified then there is a risk that the vaccine supplied is not approved for the child's age.

Labelling update

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has posted an update on its transition requirements for Quality Use of Medicines clear medicine labels, as it aligns standards with international best practice.

The TGA is also providing a series of posters for release over the next four years to help educate Australians around how to make more informed choices about their medicines & use them more safely.

The first of these posters is now available, with recommendations to place them in prominent positions such as consumer waiting areas.

Access the posters at tga.gov.au.



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Guild portal closing

THE Pharmacy Guild's 6CPA Portal will be shut down effective 30 Apr 2019, concluding the transition of services to the Pharmacy Programs Administrator (**PD** 30 Oct 2018).

Claims for periods up to 31 Jan will be processed by the Guild's 6CPA team in May - 6cpa.com.au.



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Yes Minister, get a jab!



HEALTH Minister Greg Hunt needs to stay on top of his game during the current Federal Election - so it's no wonder that he took the opportunity to have a flu immunisation at Chemist Warehouse Mornington earlier this month.

The jab was administered by pharmacist immuniser, Dmytri Nikolayev, who works at one of the more than 230 Chemist Warehouse stores nationally where immunisations are available with the 2019 influenza vaccine.

Doctors, nurse practitioners and pharmacist immunisers are administering the vaccine to Chemist Warehouse customers for \$12.99, with 2019 being the sixth year running that Chemist Warehouse has offered the service.

"As the House of Wellness we are committed to educating Australians on the importance of being prepared and encouraging them to be vaccinated to protect not only themselves but those around them and the wider community," said Chemist Warehouse Retail Director and pharmacist, Mario Tascone.

Baby products recall

NEW Zealand's Medsafe regulator together with Weleda (NZ) Ltd, has instigated a consumer level recall of Baby Teething Powder and Baby Colic Powder because "small (~1cm long), soft, slivers of white plastic could potentially peel off the jar cap upon first opening".

Affected batch numbers are listed at medsafe.govt.nz.



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RACGP accused of fear-mongering

THE Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) is being accused of "trying to scare people" with its response to the Qld Government's decision to trial pharmacist prescribing (**PD** 18 Apr).

Responding to the news that Queensland pharmacists will be empowered to prescribe antibiotics for certain conditions and the contraceptive pill, RACGP President, Dr Harry Nespolon, warned patients would be put at risk.

"It's quite simple," he said.

"Pharmacists don't have the medical training required to safely deliver these critical healthcare services. The Queensland Government is thumbing its nose at antibiotic stewardship."

Pharmacy Guild of Australia Victorian Branch President, Anthony Tassone, rejected the College's claims, and suggested the RACGP may need to consider its approach to government relations.

"Not sure condemnation and slurs of government departments 'thumbing their nose' is going to make friends and influence people."

EMA year in review

THE European Medicines Agency (EMA) approved 42 new active substances and gave positive opinions in 84 cases during 2018, it revealed in its *Human medicines highlights 2018* summary.

The year also saw four drugs or classes of therapy withdrawn from the market: daclizumab, quinolone and fluoroquinolone antibiotics, valproate medicines and retinoids - see ema.europa.eu.

"Once you're finished hyperventilating and trying to scare people let us know and we can work together for patient care."

Meanwhile, one Twitter user suggested the R in RACGP stood for Recalcitrant.

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Dispensary Corner

NOBODY knows what goes on in another person's mind, but Irish pharmacists are wondering what inspired one of their peers to stock up on Easter eggs.

Maybe they were trying an innovative way to boost condom and home pregnancy test sales by promoting discount chocolate as an aphrodisiac - who knows?

However, the decision to barricade the dispensary with cheap Easter eggs hit a very flat note with pharmacist, Shane O'Sullivan, who tweeted a photo of the store saying "behind the wall of chocolate there's someone who trained for five years to be a healthcare professional".

The snap (**below**) showed that some pharmacists are their own worst enemy when it comes to securing an expanded scope of practice for the profession.

With their stock of Easter Eggs, a Coca-Cola branded fridge and Thomas the Tank Engine balloons forming a barrier between patients and any pharmacist brave enough to emerge from the dispensary, angry pharmacists warned the display would damage the profession's credibility.

Responding to the photo Ronan Quirke said, "This is a new low. Good people are lobbying hard for an extended role. This puts us back years".



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

Peach Blossom & Rosewood Maisy Jar

ECOYA 2019 Mother's Day Collection - ECOYA Peach Blossom & Rosewood Maisy Jar is a limited-edition maisy jar for



Mother's Day. The fragrance is invigorating, fruity and feminine, with a sweet blend of peach blossom and cherry that opens up to a soft floral heart of tuberose and lily of the valley, complemented by an elegant base of rosewood. The Maisy Jar has elegantly designed packaging, which captures the beauty of a soft, fairy floss sunset on a deep blue horizon.

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Website: www.ecoya.com

Roses et Reines Beautifying Body Milk



Enriched with rose water and highlighted in plenty of time to stock for the Mothers' Day rush, L'OCCITANE **Roses et Reines Beautifying Body Milk** is a rose-scented body milk that melts into the skin and moisturises. Skin is left delicately perfumed with a velvety, floral fragrance that combines extracts of roses from Grasse, Bulgaria, Morocco and Turkey with a unique rose extract from Haute-Provence. The style of presentation in its classic ribbed pink jar suits the mood for the mature woman

who will also revel in the timeless subtle rose-scent.

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Mother's Day - Get Up & Glow Gift Box

NIVEA **Get Up & Glow Gift Box** is a limited-edition gift set for Mother's Day 2019. It includes: NIVEA Shower Crème & Oil Pearls Lotus (250mL) for that complete moisturising and refreshing shower, NIVEA Body Lotion Firming Q10 Plus (250mL) for the after-shower skin-toning with silky smooth feel, NIVEA Q10 Anti-Age Hand Cream (100mL) to retain the youthful skin texture and NIVEA Original Care Lip (4.8g) to maintain beautifully hydrated lips and protect against the sun's drying rays.



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