



Nardil Section 19A

NARDIL (phenelzine sulfate) 15mg tablets are in short supply and the Therapeutic Goods Administration has approved supply of NARDIL phenelzine 15mg tablets USP, registered and marketed in Canada.

The Section 19A approval of this Canadian product, which is not registered in Australia, is in place until 31 Oct this year.

Pharmacists are asked to provide a copy of the Dear Patient Letter and the Australian CMI available at ebs.tga.gov.au when dispensing Canadian NARDIL 15 mg tablets.

AMA follows Guild with new leader

FORMER Catholic Health Australia CEOs are the flavour of the month, with the Australian Medical Association (AMA) announcing the appointment of Dr Martin Laverty as its new Secretary General.

The move comes days after the Pharmacy Guild of Australia named out-going Catholic Health CEO, Suzanne Greenwood, as David Quilty's successor as Guild Executive Director (**PD** 24 Jun).

Like Greenwood, Laverty has a legal background, and extensive experience in health policy and advocacy.

He is currently the CEO of the Royal Australian Flying Doctors, and is a Federal Government appointed Director of the National Disability Insurance Authority and

the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Advisory Board.

Laverty said he was looking forward to working with the profession to respond to the challenges facing the nation's health system.

"The nation's hospitals are strained. Private health is at the crossroads. And health prevention is inadequately funded," he said

"These are some of the policy issues I've worked on for the last decade. "International experience shows that the role of general practice has expanded and excelled, particularly in coordinating chronic illness, achieving better health outcomes, and creating greater productivity, efficiencies, and value for governments with stressed



health budgets.

"The AMA has critically been driving recent Departmental policy focus on general practice, recognising that it is a solution to many of our health challenges.

"Promoting organisational capability and ensuring appropriate resourcing will remain crucial in the AMA retaining its strategic leadership in health advocacy."

Tipping winners



CONGRATULATIONS to this week's *Pharmacy Daily* football tipping competition winners.

Aaron D'Souza from PharmaDotCom took top spot for NRL round 15 and Priceline Pharmacy Maryborough, Victoria (we don't have an individual name), was our AFL round 15 winner.

See more details by visiting pharmacydaily.com.au.

Blackmores focused on China growth

BLACKMORES' newly appointed Chief Executive Officer, Alastair Symington (**PD** breaking news yesterday) has "significant in-country Asia and China experience," which will help the company further pursue market share in the region.

Symington (**pictured**) originally hailed from Melbourne and is currently based in Dubai, as a regional leader for consumer beauty brand Coty.

Executive Director, Marcus Blackmore, said "Alastair's strong business acumen, his personal passion for natural health and



dynamic personality makes him the perfect choice to lead Blackmores into the future".

Not so perfect

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has issued a warning about a product called Slim Perfect Legs + High Fiber capsules, saying they contain the undeclared prescription-only substance sibutramine.

Supply is illegal and future imports will be destroyed.

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has three pages of news including our weekly **Health & Beauty** feature and the **MIMS Monthly Update**.



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No price on charity, boys



PRICELINE is doing its part to bowl over important women's issues, recruiting former Aussie fast bowler Merv Hughes and a few of his famous mates to help raise over \$1.5 million for key female causes.

The pharmacy chain's six-week Misterhood for the Sisterhood campaign hit the ground running at the SCG yesterday, where the likes of Merv Hughes, NRL legend Braith Anasta and former AFL great Glen Jakovich put their collective foots down for a 50-metre sprint to mark the start of the fundraising in a battle of the states.

Speaking at the event, Priceline CEO Richard Vincent said pharmacists were the key to the company's success in raising money for important issues.

"These causes are very close to our hearts here at Priceline and also to the pharmacists that help run our network, we have 480 stores across Australia and we have pharmacists in most of those stores and their teams are 100% behind the causes we support every year," said Priceline CEO Richard Vincent.

The charity push formally



launches on 19 Jul and will support five organisations: The Children's First Foundation, Dementia Australia, Look Good Feel Better, PANDA, and the Raise Foundation.

Special Misterhood for the Sisterhood scratchies will be sold in Priceline stores to help raise money, as well as select stores holding their own variety days with raffles and games for customers.

The Sydney-based **Pharmacy Daily** is pleased to inform you, NSW won the race - see the hard-fought contest [HERE](#).

Pictured, Priceline Misterhood for the Sisterhood ambassadors, Braith Anasta and Merv Hughes.

Inset, Priceline Misterhood for the Sisterhood ambassadors and retired sports stars, Merv Hughes, Tony Modra, Billy Moore, Dermott Brereton, Braith Anasta and Glen Jakovich, with Priceline Sister and ABC Chair, Ita Buttrose.

PA2019 speakers

THE Pharmacy Assistant National Conference (PA2019) has announced its line-up of more than 20 industry, motivational and celebrity speakers who will share their knowledge across a range of pharmacy disciplines and motivational topics.

This year's program will feature Katrina McCarter, founder and CEO, Marketing to Mums; Dr Cindy Pan, general practitioner, television personality and author; Sonia McDonald, CEO and founder, Leadership HQ; Kos Sclavos, Vice President, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, Queensland Branch; and Alice Vanderpol, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia/Maxigesic Pharmacy Assistant of the Year 2018.

There are 20 sessions planned covering the spectrum of PA responsibilities.

The event is scheduled for 11 to 13 Oct at Sofitel Brisbane Central.

Pharmacies who register two or more PAs will receive a free registration to APP2020, valued at over \$1,000.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more.

MM2019 record



THE Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) has announced that for the second consecutive year the national conference, Medicines Management 2019, has received a record number of abstract submissions.

The healthy level of engagement by hospital pharmacists and technicians generated 738 abstracts for the 45th national conference, with the theme 'Making Waves', to be held this year on the Gold Coast in Nov.

SHPA Chief Executive, Kristin Michaels, says MM2019 will make waves as practitioners showcase their innovation and ingenuity at the cutting-edge conference.

"Papers have come in from all corners of the country and we are thrilled to open registration and begin the build-up to this exciting event, which marks our first truly national conference with convenors and organisers hailing from all seven SHPA Branches."

Early bird registration for MM2019 closes Mon 16 Sep. Visit mm2019shpa.com.



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Dispensary Corner

SOME dodgy health claims can literally take your breath away.

But perhaps at the extreme end of the scale is a US woman who describes herself as a “breatharian,” and claims she lives on energy from nature.

Audra Bear (pictured below) insists she hardly eats any solids, and says she can fast for up to 97 days running, because “food gets in the way of her enjoyment of life”.

She spends up to three hours a day focusing on her “breath work,” supplementing the energy she receives from oxygen with a few cups of tea, juices and smoothies.

Explaining the ‘science’ behind it is obvious: “It gently guides your body into para sympathetic nervous system which relieves stress, aids digestion, stops cravings, increases mental clarity and happiness,” she helpfully said.

Occasionally she’ll have a bite of food, but “more for celebratory reasons” when out with friends or at a party.

Rather than it being about denial, Bear says she’s “freer than ever” without having to worry about food any more.



HEALTH & BEAUTY

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New Product

- **Peramivir (Rapivab)** is an inhibitor of influenza virus neuraminidase, an enzyme that releases viral particles from the plasma membrane of infected cells. Rapivab is indicated for the treatment of acute influenza infection in adults and children ≥ 2 years who have been symptomatic for no more than two days. Clinical trials have not established the efficacy of repeated doses of Rapivab in patients with serious influenza requiring hospitalisation. Rapivab concentrate for intravenous infusion is available as 200 mg/20 mL vials in packs of 3.

New Presentation

- **Brivaracetam (Briviact)** is now available as a solution for injection in 50 mg/5 mL vials in packs of 10.

New Indications

- **Atezolizumab (rch) (Tecentriq)**, in combination with bevacizumab, paclitaxel and carboplatin, is now indicated for the first-line treatment of adults with metastatic non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), or after failure of appropriate targeted therapies in patients with EGFR mutant or ALK-positive NSCLC; as monotherapy for treatment of adults with locally advanced or metastatic NSCLC after prior chemotherapy. It is also now indicated for the treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma who are considered cisplatin ineligible and whose tumours express PD-L1 (PD-L1 stained tumour-infiltrating immune cells [IC] covering $\geq 5\%$ of the tumour area), as determined by a validated test, or are considered ineligible for any other platinum-containing chemotherapy regardless of the level of tumour PD-L1 expression.
- **Brivaracetam (Briviact)** is now indicated as add-on therapy in the treatment of partial-onset seizures with or without secondary generalisation in patients from 4 years of age with epilepsy.
- **Cabozantinib (Cabometyx)** is now indicated as monotherapy for the treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma in adults who have previously been treated with sorafenib.
- **Certolizumab pegol (rbe) (Cimzia)** is now indicated for the treatment of adults with moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis who are candidates for systemic therapy or phototherapy.
- **Dabrafenib (Tafinlar)** in combination with **trametinib (Mekinist)** is now indicated for the treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic anaplastic thyroid cancer with a BRAF V600 mutation and with no satisfactory locoregional treatment options, and for the treatment of advanced NSCLC with a BRAF V600 mutation.
- **Pertussis Vaccine-Acellular Combined with Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids (Adsorbed) (Adacel)** may now be administered during pregnancy for prevention of pertussis in young infants via transplacental antibody transfer from the pregnant woman to the fetus.

New Contraindications

- **Elvitegravir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide (as fumarate) (Genvoya)** and **tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/emtricitabine/elvitegravir/cobicistat (Stribild)** is now contraindicated with lomitapide.
- **Ritonavir (Norvir)** is now contraindicated with lomitapide and neratinib.
- **Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/emtricitabine/efavirenz (Atripla)** is now contraindicated with elbasvir/grazoprevir.

This list is a summary of only some of the changes that have occurred over the last month. Before prescribing, always refer to the full product information.