

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features two pages of news, plus full pages from:

- Dispense Assist
- Glucojel
- Wizard Pharmacy

Dispensary help

DISPENSE Assist is a low-cost staffing solution with dispensary technicians available 24/7 at rates as low as \$6.37 per hour.

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See details on **page three**.

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GLUCOJEL is running a major campaign for a \$10,000 giveaway, so get your orders in and make sure your shelves are well-stocked with the popular product to attract more customers in-store.

Find out more on **page four**.

Work for Wizard

WIZARD Pharmacy is on the lookout for the best pharmacy leaders and emerging talent to build their careers within its network in Darwin.

Competitive salary packages are on offer to the right candidates - more information on **page five**.

New PSA post-nominals



THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) has announced new professional post-nominals for members who have achieved Medication Management Review (MMR) and Aged Care Onsite Pharmacist (ACOP) credentials through PSA training programs.

The new post-nominals enable members to display their advanced practice credentials and provide visible acknowledgement of their advanced clinical skills and the area of specialisation.

The designation is linked to the members' current PSA post-nominal MPS or FPS, followed by CredPharm with the appropriate credentials in brackets.

As an example, PSA's Consultant Pharmacists Community of Speciality Interest Chair Deborah Hawthorne has achieved an MMR credential and can use the post-nominal FPS CredPharm (MMR).

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Dispensary Corner

CRUISE holidays are often considered as an indulgence, but did you know they can actually be good for you?

A recent study conducted by luxury cruise line Cunard has revealed that just five days at sea can boost cognitive abilities, including memory, spatial reasoning, logical thinking, and problem-solving by, on average, around 26%.

The international study, which involved 40 guests on a transatlantic crossing aboard *Queen Mary 2*, highlighted a 29% improvement in short-term memory recall, a 125% increase in complex problem-solving ability, and a 14% improvement in attention levels.

Much less surprisingly, participants also reported a 158% increase in relaxation.

While the study should probably be taken with a grain of salt, given it was conducted by a cruise line, it's great info to keep up your sleeve the next time you're trying to convince a friend or family member to go on a cruise with you.

Visanne now PBS listed

AS OF yesterday, the daily progestogen tablet Visanne (dienogest) is now available through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) for the treatment of endometriosis.

It is the first medicine subsidy for endometriosis in more than three decades, and will significantly reduce the price of medication that previously cost women around \$800 per year.

It will now cost around \$380, or \$90 for pension and concession card holders.

The chronic condition affects an estimated one in nine Australian women and results in more than 40,000 hospital admissions per year.

Hundreds of thousands of other women suffer substantive pain and systemic symptoms, with around half of all affected women experiencing infertility.

"Medical treatment alone can significantly improve quality of life, including resulting in increased participation in school, work and social activities," said Professor Jason Abbott, an obstetrician and gynaecologist from the University of NSW.

"Even if surgery is performed, post-operative medical suppression has been documented to be the



best method of reducing symptom recurrence," he said, adding that "all women with endometriosis deserve effective and well-tolerated long-term and now affordable treatment options like Visanne".

The drug, which was developed specifically for endometriosis, works by preventing ovulation and menstruation, in turn shrinking and suppressing the growth of endometrial tissue outside of the uterus and in other parts of the body.

The listing is the latest government measure to address the needs of women living with endometriosis, including new items added to the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) that ensure extended consultations are covered (PD 10 May). KB

Mounjaro price drop for patients

THE recommended retail price for the 2.5mg Mounjaro Kwikpen (starting dose) has dropped to \$285 per month, effective 1 Dec, announced Lilly Australia.

Patients previously paid anywhere from \$350-\$400 for the non-PBS listed 2.5mg auto-injector KwikPen.

The price to wholesalers has been aligned with the new RRP as of 25 Nov.

Mounjaro (tirzepatide) is indicated in adults for chronic weight management and the treatment of type 2 diabetes.

According to the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), there is a shortage of Mounjaro vials that is expected to continue until late next year.

Patients affected by the shortage can use the KwikPen instead of the vials in the same dosage amount, or a temporarily approved overseas-registered product.

However, the products cannot be dispensed using a prescription for the vial presentation, and patients will need a new prescription.



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