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Heart health collaboration

TERRYWHITE Chemmart has joined forces with Advara HeartCare and Novartis Australia to form the Heart Health Collective.

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the leading cause of death and disease in Australia, affecting more than 4.2 million people and accounting for more than 27% of deaths each year.

The collaboration aims to tackle CVD by bringing together the expertise, innovation and community reach of the partners to provide support and resources to those at risk of CVD, ultimately working toward better heart health outcomes for Australian people.

With its extensive community pharmacy network, TerryWhite Chemmart brings to the initiative accessible, pharmacist-led healthcare services that play an important role in prevention, education and ongoing care.

Advara HeartCare has an extensive network of cardiologists and world-class cardiovascular



services, while Novartis leads in experience and knowledge in developing heart health solutions.

"Our partnership in the Heart Health Collective underscores TerryWhite Chemmart's dedication to enhancing community health," said Nick Munroe, Executive GM of TerryWhite Chemmart.

"By uniting with Advara HeartCare and Novartis, our network of over 600 pharmacies and their teams are taking a proactive step toward supporting those at risk of cardiovascular disease." KB

Arriving Monday!



CHECK your inbox for the PD Year in Review, featuring exclusive interviews with pharmacy leaders, a wrap of 2024's biggest news, and more!

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.

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Dispensary Corner

MAKING a change from the chocolates, bikkies and booze that grace the typical Christmas hamper, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia has outdone itself this festive season.

It sent a handful of stakeholders - alas, not including our good selves - a hamper including jellybeans and a doll bearing a likeness to Guild president Trent Twomey in a Guild dispensing coat.

Bewdy!
Oh, and some pins... which go with the doll.

Yes, it's a voodoo doll for people to enact their pent-up festive cheer upon.



The last couple of years have been interesting for Prof Twomey, with the 60-day prescribing policy that was feared would see pharmacists go bankrupt.

Some adept politicking saw community pharmacies benefit from compensatory funding in the Eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement, but it seems Prof Twomey may have picked up some enemies along the way.

But seriously, kudos for the sense of humour.

DTC medical test concern

DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER (DTC) health and medical tests are risking people's health and wellbeing, argued a team of Australian and international experts in a paper published yesterday in the *BMJ*.

Better information and regulation are essential to protect consumers from potential harms of these tests, the authors of the paper said.

The tests, including hormone tests and food sensitivity tests, may cause harm from unnecessary worry, providing a false sense of security or leading people to use supplements and treatments they don't need and that may themselves cause harm.

Tests that claim to detect over 50 cancers before symptoms appear are currently being marketed in the US, but are more likely to detect cancers at an advanced stage, thereby limiting their benefits.

In Australia, more than 40% of DTC tests marketed online were sold as "health checks", and while these tests may tell people if their one-off reading is not within the "normal" range, they don't tell you if this means anything clinically.

One example the paper highlighted was testosterone tests, which are often targeted at male bodybuilders for "optimising" testosterone levels and can be misused to justify unsafe supplementation.

Hormone tests for women that claim to indicate menopause or chance of conceiving have poor accuracy and may provide incorrect or misleading information to women about fertility or symptoms, they pointed out, adding that the accuracy of HIV self-testing is also problematic.

On the other hand, there are



tests such as the self-test kit for chlamydia and gonorrhoea recently approved by the TGA (*PD 21 Nov*) that can potentially lead to better outcomes by increasing the likelihood of earlier detection.

The researchers said that information provided with the product or in marketing material is sometimes incomplete, misleading or false, giving consumers a false basis for health decisions.

"Clearly, current regulatory frameworks are inadequate in responding to the new ways in which DTC tests are being sold and used," noted the authors.

The report called for more accountability on the part of suppliers, and for regulators to broaden concepts of harm to include financial burden, psychological and physical harm, overdiagnosis and ineffective diagnosis associated with DTC tests.

Read the paper **HERE**. KB

\$40m boost for diabetes research

DIABETES Australia has announced it will invest \$40 million in diabetes research over the next 10 years.

The organisation plans to engage with the research community and people living with diabetes early next year to design an approach that maximises funding impact.

"This significant commitment will provide greater certainty for our diabetes research community and grow its life-changing impact in discovering better treatments, and ultimately a cure for all types of diabetes," said Group CEO Justine Cain.

Diabetes Australia has also announced that the new Diabetes Community Priority Grants will open for applications next week, providing a minimum of four grants of up to \$100,000 each.

The program will fund projects that address the research priorities and unmet needs of the diabetes community, with an emphasis on ensuring those with lived experience are involved.



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