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Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features two pages of news.

AAP debunks claims

CLAIMS from a well-known vaccine sceptic about the COVID-19 jab have been quickly debunked by AAP FactCheck yesterday.

Facebook user Jason Miles asked "why have five kids under the age of four been reported as deaths from the COVID-19 vaccine in the TGA DAENS (sic)?"

In response, AAP's William Summers wrote, "when an adverse event is recorded in DAEN, it does not necessarily mean the medicine or medical product was the cause".

Summers said that the issue may be related to an underlying illness or other factors, and that vaccine sceptics often misuse DAEN data with false assumptions.

New 'life-changing' listings on the PBS

AUSTRALIANS who have advanced ovarian cancer, chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL), small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL), cystic fibrosis and atypical haemolytic uraemic syndrome (aHUS), now have access to cheaper medicines under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

Olaparib (Lynparza) will be expanded for eligible Australian women with newly diagnosed advanced ovarian cancer, Acalabrutinib (Calquence) will be expanded to treat patients with previously untreated CLL or SLL, lumacaftor with ivacaftor (Orkambi) will be expanded to include treatment of one-year-old infants with cystic fibrosis for the F508del mutation, and Ravulizumab (Ultomiris) will be expanded to treat patients with aHUS, a very rare genetic disease where the body's defence system attacks vital organs, blood cells and vessels.

According to a statement from the office of the Minister for Health

Mark Butler (pictured), patients were previously paying anywhere between \$96,700 & \$384,800 per year for these treatments.

"The Albanese Government is committed to making medicines cheaper and more affordable for all Australians," Butler said.

"These life-changing listings will have a profound impact on people's lives - and the lives of the people around them.

"Alongside cheaper prescriptions, 60-day scripts and encouraging more doctors to bulk bill, we are making health care more affordable and easing the cost of living burden for everyday Australians."

Since Jul 2022, the Australian Government has approved extra funding for 159 new and amended listings on the PBS.

MEANWHILE, in a press conference yesterday, Butler defended the crackdown on vapes when asked by a journalist whether he was worried it would increase cigarette smoking.



"We're very alive to the risk of vaping being a gateway to smoking cigarettes," he said.

Butler added that research showed young vapers are increasingly likely to take up cigarettes than non-vapers.

"That's why, in addition to the strong action we are taking on vaping, we are also taking very strong action against cigarettes."

"That legislation only passed the parliament in the last week for two of the 2023 sittings," he said. *DF*

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Dispensary Corner

HAVE you ever thought that Damien Hirst's 1992 installation artwork *Pharmacy* at the Tate in London is so good you would like it to be turned into a bar and music venue in Tokyo that is, in part, named after Francis Bacon as well as famous Korean BBQ restaurant chain Tonchang?

Thought not. Regardless, it has happened - it's called 'Bacon', and is modelled after a mix between a futuristic pharmacy layout and Hirst's artwork.

Bacon is not just a flash in the pan - it has just been named by *Time Out* as one of the 10 most unique bars you can find in Tokyo.

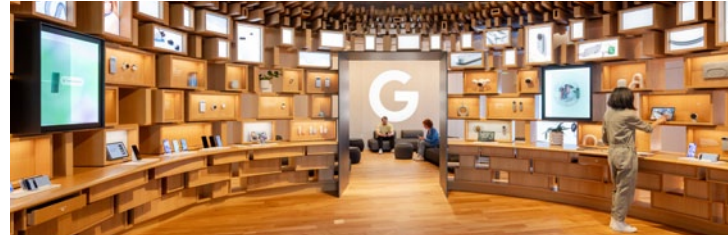
The guide wrote, "the neon-lit space echoes Damien Hirst's room installation titled 'Pharmacy' - a deliberate choice by (owner Jae Won) Koo, who also installed plastic stools inspired by the artist's liking for glass-walled tanks and transparent display cases.

"The relatively recent opening means its noise level is hospitable to conversation on weeknights, but you can expect a full house for the semi-regular DJ events on weekends."

This is exactly the excuse you needed for a trip to Japan.



PYC turns to Google's AI



PYC Therapeutics, a clinical-stage biotechnology company pioneering a new generation of RNA therapeutics, has announced plans to work with Google Cloud and other specialised partners to create a new generation of medicines.

The ASX-listed business will use its own proprietary data sets in the project which will be hosted on Google Cloud's AI platform and designed to predict optimal sequences and structures of peptides with the ability to deliver precision medicine cargoes to specific cells within the body.

According to a release on the ASX, the specialised partners have skill sets relevant to the implementation of the project, and will pay \$4.5 million up front to PYC for the benefit of accessing its proprietary data sets and capabilities.

The release said that Google would also benefit from the newly formed partnership "through retention of the right to publish the process used to design, host and execute the machine learning models which use AlphaFold, its successor technologies, and Google Cloud's AI platform". *DF*

Cyberattack update

ST VINCENT'S Health Australia has provided an update after it experienced a cybersecurity incident on 19 Dec last year.

"On that day, St Vincent's immediately took steps to contain the incident, engaged external security experts CyberCX, and notified all relevant state and federal governments and their necessary agencies.

"No cyber criminal activity has been detected on St Vincent's networks since Wed (20 Dec)."

It continued, "late on the evening of Thu St Vincent's found evidence that cyber criminals had removed some data from our network."

The AFP is currently engaged in the matter.

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