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Arrotex and Celltrion partner on biosimilars

CELLTRION Healthcare Australia and Australian-owned Arrotex Pharmaceuticals have entered into a strategic agreement to launch two new biosimilar medicines - Steqeyma (ustekinumab) and Omylclo (omalizumab).

Both are listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and available in pharmacies from today, and are the first PBS-listed biosimilars in their respective categories.

Steqeyma is indicated for the treatment of plaque psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis, Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, while Omylclo is listed for uncontrolled severe asthma/allergic asthma, and severe chronic spontaneous urticaria.

As the sponsor of the medicines, Celltrion will be responsible for engaging with key prescribing physicians, while Arrotex will be the brand's exclusive distribution partner in Australia, covering community

PSA25 Excellence Awards announced

THE winners of the highly anticipated 2025 PSA Symbion Excellence Awards were announced this morning at PSA25 in Sydney.

Jaimee Anderson of Katherine, NT, was named PSA Symbion Pharmacist of the Year, recognised for her exceptional leadership, innovation, and "unwavering commitment to the health and wellbeing of the Katherine community".

Working initially in one of Katherine's two pharmacies, Anderson has built a reputation for delivering high-quality, patient-centred care to both urban and remote populations.

She played a key role in the rollout of the NT's pharmacy-based vaccination services, and then became involved in primary healthcare teams working with First Nations people.

Identifying a critical gap in diabetes care, she became a credentialed diabetes educator (CDE), and now serves as the



pharmacy distribution as well as representation across the dermatology segment.

Arrotex Chief Commercial Officer Hayley Tamborini (pictured) said: "Our new alliance with Celltrion is complementary and important for many reasons."

"We are proud that Arrotex's strong market presence in community pharmacy and extensive distribution networks can truly be a game-changer in delivering Celltrion's biosimilars to the patients who need them most," she continued.

"Arrotex continues to focus on exclusive and first-to-market launches to bring increased value to community pharmacy," Tamborini concluded.

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pharmacist CDE at Wurli Wurlijang Health Service, providing culturally safe, trauma-informed care to First Nations clients.

PSA National President Assoc Prof Fei Sim congratulated Anderson, and said: "Jaimee's work is a shining example of what pharmacists can achieve when they lead with heart, knowledge, and a deep connection to their community."

"Her impact in Katherine and beyond is truly inspiring.

"Jaimee's story reflects the very best of our profession - this recognition is very much deserved," Prof Fei Sim added.

Victorian pharmacist Dr Kate Wang was awarded 2025 PSA Symbion Early Career Pharmacist of the Year, recognised particularly for her work in improving quality use of medicines and medicine safety in aged care.

A senior lecturer in pharmacy at RMIT, Dr Wang is passionate about educating future pharmacists and

expanding the profession's scope of practice.

Finally, Perth pharmacist Emeritus Professor Jeff David Hughes was recognised with the 2025 PSA Symbion Lifetime Achievement Award, acknowledging his contributions to pharmacy over more than four decades.

His career is defined by sustained excellence, innovation, and mentorship, and his legacy continues to shape the future of pharmacy in Australia and beyond.

"The PSA Excellence Awards acknowledge the pharmacists who go above and beyond, those who are involved in innovative practice, those who are striving to raise practice standards, and those whose professionalism provides a model of practice which others strive to emulate," Associate Professor Sim said. **KB**

Pictured: Anderson with Andrew Crawley, GM Pharmacy at Symbion, and Associate Professor Sim.

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Dispensary Corner

A MOTHER-OF-TWO from Wales has credited a pharmacist for saving her life.

The patient, known as Florrie, visited Shackleton's Pharmacy in Abergavenny to seek treatment for her throat infection.

She spoke to pharmacist Kyle Price, who assessed her before prescribing antibiotics, as well as handing her a leaflet and symptom card with information about the signs of sepsis - part of an awareness campaign run by the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board.

That proved vital the next day, when Florrie's condition dramatically worsened.

Realising she may have sepsis, she contacted emergency services and was diagnosed and successfully treated in hospital.

"I want to acknowledge everything that Kyle did that ultimately saved my two young children from losing their mummy," Florrie said.

"I cannot express my gratitude enough for everything he did, when I'm sure he was ready to shut up the pharmacy for the day at 4.55pm on a Fri evening.

"Sepsis itself is so scary, and without knowing about pharmacy services and utilising Kyle's experience, by the time I got home and saw my own registered GP on the Mon, it could have been too late."

Price said his intervention highlighted the potentially life-saving role that community pharmacists play: "I'm just glad I had the resources to hand... campaigns like this really do make a difference."

AD drug evidence bolstered

LONG-TERM efficacy data for the anti-amyloid therapy Kisunla (donanemab, Eli Lilly) was presented yesterday at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference in Toronto, Canada.

Kisunla is a disease-modifying therapy for Alzheimer's disease (AD) that helps immune cells clear amyloid plaques to slow cognitive and functional decline and maintain the ability to carry out everyday tasks.

The recent results demonstrated that the positive impact of Kisunla on cognition and daily function not only continues but increases well beyond the initial period of treatment, with a doubling of clinical benefit from 18 months to 36 months.

It also showed that the sooner Kisunla is initiated, the better the outcome for patients with early symptomatic AD.

Giving patients the drug earlier resulted in a 27% reduction in the risk of progression to the next stage of AD compared to those who received it 18 months later.

The medicine was recently registered on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (**PD 22 May**), becoming the first new treatment registered in Australia for early Alzheimer's disease in 25 years, and the first treatment registered in Australia to address the underlying cause of the neurodegenerative disease.

An application to include Kisunla on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) was reviewed by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) in Jul, with the funding decision to be made public on 22 Aug.

The sponsor Eli Lilly said that until Kisunla is listed on the PBS, it will



be available on private prescription.

Federal Minister for Health, Mark Butler - who ultimately signs off on PBAC decisions - said on ABC's 7:30 on Mon, that the drug "is really exciting in the dementia space, a space that has not seen any really successful drug innovations in the 40 years since we first discovered the role of the amyloid protein on the brain in driving Alzheimer's".

Eli Lilly said it continues to work with the Australian Govt and Alzheimer's community to support the early detection, diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's disease. *KB*

New meds on PBS

SANDOZ has announced that its two new biosimilar brands of denosumab, which is used to treat osteoporosis, are now listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

More than 600,000 patients will now pay less to access Jubbonti 60mg/1ml solution for a prefilled syringe and Wyost 120mg/1.7ml solution for injection, which are the first new biosimilar brands of denosumab available for public funding.

The PBS listing also creates new opportunities for community pharmacies, who can now administer denosumab injections in-pharmacy.

"The PBS listing of Jubbonti and Wyost marks a pivotal moment for healthcare sustainability in Australia," said Sandoz ANZ Head of Marketing, Natalie Armstrong.

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