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Pharmacy Daily today features two pages of the latest industry news.

Synedica peptide safety warning

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has warned people not to use Synedica branded peptide products after testing showed they did not contain what their labels claimed.

Synedica BPC 157, Klow and Barbie Klow products contained no detectable TB-500, despite being labelled as containing the ingredient, while the Synedica Retatrutide 10mg products tested contained less retatrutide than stated on the label, with significant variation between samples.

Chief medical advisory Professor Robyn Langham said the results further demonstrated the risks associated with using unapproved peptide products.

"These results demonstrate the very real risks of using unapproved peptide products," Professor Langham said.

"Not only is there a serious risk of a major allergic response, including anaphylaxis, but, when a product does not contain what the label says, consumers can simply not know what is in the substance they are injecting.

"Using products with unknown or unreliable ingredients can put you at risk of serious health issues."

Anyone who has bought a Synedica peptide product is urged to not use it, take it to a pharmacy for safe disposal, and speak to a health professional if they have concerns about their health.



Chemist Warehouse launches first UK store



CHEMIST Warehouse has officially opened its first UK store in Harrow, London, representing a major milestone for the pharmacy juggernaut's international growth strategy.

The opening marks a new partnership between Chemist Warehouse and established UK pharmacy operator Green Light Pharmacy, combining the Aussie business's highly successful value-driven retail model with the UK operator's more than 25 years of experience delivering community healthcare services.

Together, the two businesses aim to redefine the pharmacy experience for UK consumers by offering a broad range of leading health, beauty and wellness products at competitive prices, alongside trusted pharmacist-led healthcare services, delivering a fresh retail proposition to the British pharmacy market.

Chemist Warehouse head of UK business - managing partner, James Kocharunchitt, said the opening had already received an overwhelmingly positive response from the local community.

"We are incredibly excited to officially bring Chemist Warehouse to England for the first time and introduce British consumers to the exceptional value, extensive product range and pharmacy experience Australians have come to know and love," Kocharunchitt said.

"Through our partnership with Green Light Pharmacy, we're combining the best of both businesses to create a new pharmacy experience that puts customers, affordability and accessible healthcare at its heart."

More than 700 customers visited the store on opening day, with Kocharunchitt saying "it's been a fantastic start to our UK adventure".

"We look forward to building on this momentum as we continue to bring the Chemist Warehouse experience to more communities across the UK," he concluded. *KB*

QUM leaders unite to turn knowledge into everyday care

HEALTHCARE leaders, researchers, policymakers and consumer advocates gathered in Canberra on Wed for the Quality Use of Medicines (QUM) Colloquium, with the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia among those represented.

Over the course of the day, attendees reflected on achievements in QUM to date and explored future opportunities to improve the use of medicines and diagnostics across Australia.

Held under the theme "Better together: From knowledge to practice", the colloquium brought together two complementary programs: working in partnership for quality use of medicines and knowledge translation for better care.

The sessions combined to provide a platform to reflect on the first three years of the QUM Alliance, showcase learnings from initiatives across the healthcare system, and examine how collaboration, innovation and emerging technologies can drive more effective, sustainable and patient-centred healthcare improvements.



Reflecting on the importance of collaboration, Darlene Cox, QUM consumer lead noted: "Improving the quality use of medicines is not something any one organisation or profession can achieve alone.

"It requires genuine partnerships and a commitment to listening to consumers, understanding their experiences and ensuring that the work we do translates into better care," she added.

Meanwhile, Dr Stephen Barnett, CEO of Medcast, highlighted the gap between available evidence and everyday practice.

"We have an enormous amount of clinical knowledge and evidence available, but ensuring that knowledge reaches the right person, at the right time, and translates into better care remains a significant challenge," Dr Barnett said.

While technologies like AI offer exciting possibilities in supporting clinical decision-making, participants stressed the continued importance of clinical expertise, consumer involvement and robust governance.

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Dispensary Corner

THE popularity of nicotine pouches, in part driven by their low-fuss, discreet delivery, has led to an explosion of pouch products in the health and wellness space, although whether they actually work is another matter.

Popular pouch contents in the US include cannabis, caffeine and tooth whiteners.

Meanwhile, a company called Zalt makes what it calls the "first ever electrolyte and B vitamin pouch", to support hydration without the need to pour electrolyte powder into your water bottle.

Then there is a melatonin-based pouch with magnesium and L-Theanine, "formulated to support natural wind-down and restorative nighttime recovery".

The question is whether the active ingredients in the pouches can penetrate the lining of the mouth in large enough quantities.

"Only certain drugs can be absorbed rapidly and efficiently through the oral mucosa to reach the therapeutic concentration in the systemic circulation to produce the desired effects," pharmaceutics professor Dr Kevin Li told the *New York Post*, adding that vitamins and minerals are harder for the mouth to absorb than the gut.

Then there are the side effects, with users sometimes experiencing redness, sores and blisters on their gums, which may even begin to recede from the teeth where a pouch is repeatedly placed, leaving the root exposed.

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