

Today's issue of PD

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

- Chemsave
- Glucojel

Chemsave turns 20

CHEMSAVE is celebrating its 20th birthday and is still 'solely pharmacist-owned for the sole benefit of pharmacists'.

Learn more about what Chemsave offers on [p3](#).

Infection control consultation

THE Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care is inviting feedback on the revised guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare, with public consultation closing 29 Sep.

Updates focus on clinical practice recommendations for transmission-based precautions and new good practice statements for respiratory precautions, the appropriate use of alcohol-based hand rub, and more - see [HERE](#).

MEANWHILE, the Commission has marked Sepsis Awareness Month, highlighting its sepsis hub designed to support clinicians and health services to improve early detection, data quality and clinical care - more [HERE](#).

'Reta' medical emergency prompts warning

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has warned consumers that retatrutide products marketed for weight loss may pose a serious risk to your health and should not be used.

It comes following the TGA's investigation into a report of a serious adverse effect linked to an injectable peptide product sold as retatrutide, where a consumer experienced uncontrollable vomiting, resulting in a torn oesophagus and required hospitalisation.

TGA testing of a sample of the product found it contained undeclared semaglutide that was approximately eight times higher than the level found in approved semaglutide products.

The sample contained no retatrutide, and the TGA pointed out that while the drug is currently undergoing clinical trials in humans, it has not been approved by the TGA or any comparable international regulator.

If accessed outside of clinical trials, it is likely a counterfeit product.

The TGA has been waging a long-running enforcement campaign against unapproved peptide products in Australia, which has recently intensified due to an explosion of illegal peptide sales, aggressively driven by social media marketing and online platforms ([PD](#) 14 Apr).

"The biggest risks with unapproved peptide products are not knowing what is in the vial, how much of or even what

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substance it contains, whether it is sterile, or whether it contains other contaminants or toxins," Professor Robyn Langham, the TGA's chief medical adviser, said.

"These risks are particularly concerning for injectable products, where contaminated or non-sterile manufacturing can increase the risk of infection and harmful immune responses including anaphylaxis.

"People who self-inject these products also face additional risks, including incorrect dosing, unsafe injection technique and serious adverse reactions."

Pharmacists can play a harm minimisation role around the use of peptides when patients seek supplies such as syringes.

Mpox spread continues

THE chief health officer in Victoria has urged people at risk of mpox to get vaccinated as cases rise in the state, with 52 cases reported since 01 Aug.

Men who have sex with men and their sexual partners are most at risk, and symptoms include a flu-like illness with fever or chills, headache, sore throat, swollen lymph nodes, muscle aches and tiredness, with a rash or skin lesions developing after a few days.

While vaccinated people can still develop mpox, they may have milder or atypical symptoms - more [HERE](#).

This includes having a conversation with the customer to find out what they know about the product, if they know what strength it is, and clarifying some of the risks ([PD](#) 11 Aug). *KB*

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Dispensary Corner

IF YOU have eyelash extensions, or have thought about getting them, research presented at the recent European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons congress in London may open your eyes to some of the risks.

A team from Ukraine surveyed women aged 16-28 and found that almost half of those who had eyelash extensions experienced discomfort, redness, tearing or itching after the procedure.

Using a microscope to examine samples of eyelashes from 25 women who regularly had extensions, they found *Demodex folliculorum* skin mites in all but one of the samples, with 18 of the women showing signs of skin irritation - called demodicosis - typically caused by the microscopic arachnids.

While not suggesting that women avoid getting the extensions, the researchers highlighted a need for the development of eyelid hygiene recommendations for beauty professionals.

Clinicians should consider demodectic blepharitis in patients presenting with chronic eyelid irritation, particularly those who regularly use eyelash extensions, they added.

NAC Sensitive Choice turns 20

THE National Asthma Council Australia's (NAC) Sensitive Choice program is celebrating 20 years of helping people make informed choices about products and services that may help them live better with asthma and allergies.

The Sensitive Choice blue butterfly symbol can be found on hundreds of products in pharmacies and beyond, including baby care items, health and personal care products, bedding, building products, cleaning agents, carpets, air purifiers, vacuum cleaners and more.

All products bearing the symbol have undergone a rigorous approval process, and National Asthma Council Australia Board member and allergist, Clinical Professor Sheryl van Nunen, said health professionals can feel confident to recommend the program to their patients.

"Products and services seeking to be included in the Sensitive Choice program must submit research,



testing and evidence, which is then assessed by an independent and voluntary panel of experts to determine their potential benefit to those with asthma and allergies," she explained.

"The confidential Product Advisory Panel is made up of a diverse range of experts including pharmacists, general practitioners, respiratory physicians, industrial chemists, allergists, lawyers, engineers as well as people with asthma and allergies," she added.

The global program has led to manufacturers changing or creating products in order to provide those with asthma and allergies with better options. **KB**

\$160,000 raised for Vinnies meds program

THE generosity and support of pharmacists and the broader industry has seen the Pharmacy Guild Foundation raise \$160,000 for the St Vincent de Paul Society NSW's Medicine and Medicine Access Program through its gala dinner last Thu.

Chaired by Guild NSW Branch VP Catherine Bronger, the foundation aims to improve



access to essential medicines and pharmacy care for vulnerable, disadvantaged and underserved communities.

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