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Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news including our weekly **Health & Beauty** feature.

Court order for MHR

FEDERAL Health Minister Greg Hunt announced in parliament yesterday that legislative amendments to the My Health Record (MHR) platform would ensure police and government agencies are unable to access information against a patient's wish without a court order.

He added that electronic health records of people who wish to withdraw after the opt-out period ends would be deleted.

The announcement followed widespread concerns expressed by multiple groups around patient privacy and security associated with the database.

API-Clearskin stage 1

AUSTRALIAN Pharmaceutical Industries has completed the first stage of its acquisition of Clearskincare Clinics as per its original commitment (PD 25 Jun).

API has bought an initial 50.1% controlling interest in the clinics and 100% of the skincare products business, with the balance to be completed across 2020 and 2021.

API ceo and md Richard Vincent said the company was already well progressed with integration plans.

“The acquisition is highly compelling and complementary,” he said, claiming the deal would add value for customers & shareholders.

Cannabis products launch today

FOUR new medicinal cannabis items can be ordered by community pharmacists effective from today, with the addition of Candeo Limited hemp-based products to the PharmaPrograms' Medicinal Cannabis Medicines Portal (MCMP) (PD 12 Sep 2017).

The additions are being made available by ASX-listed The Hydroponics Company (THC), and include Endoca Hemp Oil - CBD and Endoca Raw Hemp Oil - CBD + CBDA in 3% and 15% concentrations.

The items are currently not scheduled on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods, and will be available under the Approved Prescriber Scheme (APS) and Special Access Scheme (SAS) Category B via the MCMP.

The Endoca products will be distributed in Australia by Anspec Pty Ltd, which will offer accounts to participating pharmacies.

If the relevant state health department does not issue pharmacy registration certificates, the owner pharmacist's AHPRA

registration certificate and the pharmacy's Medicare agreement must be provided.

“In addition to facilitating supply, a structured pharmacy support program is an integral part of the MCMP,” PharmaPrograms said, with the portal providing a streamlined process for medicinal cannabis prescribing and dispensing between health professionals and manufacturers of medicinal cannabis products.

Other companies using the MCMP portal include Cann and Medlab. More info at mcmp.com.au.

Sunscreens OK - TGA

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has completed a wide-ranging review of sunscreens sold in Australia, finding “no compliance deficiencies that concern us in relation to quality, safety and efficacy in every-day use”.

The desktop review of 94 listed products followed laboratory testing of 31 sunscreens, including lotions, creams and aerosol sprays.

All products tested contained the levels of active ingredients specified on their labels, and no sensitivity issues were identified - but like all cosmetics, allergic reactions are a possibility.

In particular SPF testing supported claims on aerosol sunscreens, but confirmed all sunscreens are only effective if applied correctly.

D'Souza leads research

NEUROEPIDEMIOLOGY expert and epileptologist Associate Professor Wendy D'Souza has joined an Advisory Board run by ASX-listed medicinal cannabis firm MGC Pharma.



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D'Souza will lead research and development into medicinal cannabis treatments for epilepsy and other neurological disorders.

Pharmacist research

ETHICS approval has been obtained for the distribution via PD of a survey which aims to explore the attitudes and practices of pharmacists regarding drug misuse in community pharmacy.

The study is anonymous and only takes about seven minutes, with the views of pharmacists with up to ten years of community practice experience sought.

The survey examines the attitudes and practice strategies in the management of patients experiencing drug misuse, in an effort to inform the development of recommendations and advice to relevant policy makers, academic institutions, government and pharmacy organisations

All data is de-identified; to participate **CLICK HERE**.

Online ED drugs risks

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has posted a warning to persons purchasing erectile dysfunction treatment drugs online from overseas suppliers.

“There are no safety, quality or efficacy guarantees for the medicines you purchase from overseas,” the TGA said.

“Purchasing medicines from overseas without a prescription may result in them being seized at the border, causing you to not only lose your money, but you may also be fined and potentially prosecuted” - tga.gov.au for more.

WIN WITH MICRODACYN

Each day this week Pharmacy Daily and Microdacyn are giving away **Microdacyn Hydrogel 60ml** AND **Microdacyn Solution 120ml**, valued at over \$30.

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To win, be the first person from WA to send the correct answer to the question to comp@pharmacydaily.com.au

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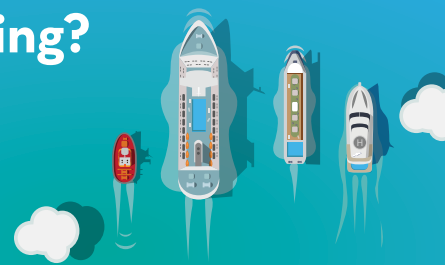
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Dispensary Corner

THE serenity of the idyllic Greek island of Santorini has been shattered by the global obesity crisis, with officials warning that donkeys are being injured by being forced to carry fat tourists.

Animal charities have warned that during the busy May-Oct holiday period cruise ships bring thousands of visitors each day, with the creatures being forced to carry ever-heavier loads.



CONDOM maker Durex has been forced into an embarrassing withdrawal in the UK and Ireland, over concerns that its "Real Feel" and "Latex Free" condoms may not be fit for purpose.

The company issued a formal statement explaining the pullout, saying "some batches which are currently on the market...do not pass the requirements for burst pressure towards the end of the shelf life for the product".

Customers will be offered a full refund, with only a small number of batches affected by the potential for an errant ejaculation.

"There is a risk that the condom might tear or leak reducing its protection from sexually-transmitted diseases and pregnancy," the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency said.

Health, Beauty and New Products

Welcome to our weekly promoted feature with all the latest health, beauty and new products for pharmacy. Suppliers wanting to promote products in this feature should email newproducts@pharmacydaily.com.au

Multi-purpose Soft Lens Care

Biotrue multi-purpose solution from Bausch & Lomb is a bio-inspired innovation in lens care solution which is designed to make wearing contact lens easier on the eyes. With more than 60% of patients considered discontinuing lens wear due to dryness or discomfort, eight out of 10 lens wearers would continue after using Biotrue multi-purpose solution for just two weeks. Biotrue's special ingredient is hyaluronan, the same moisture-loving molecules found in eyes, which helps to hydrate contact lenses and the eyes, providing superior all-day comfort by helping keep lenses continuously moist for up to 20 hours.



Stockist: Major wholesalers
RRP: \$19.95
Website: www.bauschandlomb.com.au

Arabica Coffee Fruit Conditioner



Herbal Essences **bio:renew Arabica Coffee Fruit Conditioner** is a conditioner that gives hair the volume it needs for soft, touchable body. It is individually formulated to stimulate the senses and bring hair back to life, with each variant unlocking the benefits of both science and nature. The specially designed formula helps remove the build up of free radicals and revive dull, lifeless hair after every wash. It is infused with multi-layered scents of delicious crushed berries, warm caramel latte and patchouli and is free from colourants, parabens and glutens.

Stockist: 1800 028 280
RRP: \$11.99
Website: www.herbalessences.com.au

Clinique All About Eyes

Clinique **All About Eyes** reduces puffiness and helps minimise dark circles and fine lines. The lightweight, cream-gel formula actually helps hold eye make-up in place. Clinique All About Eyes helps to make the fragile skin of the eye area stronger and better protected whilst calming, soothing and smoothing around the eye. Safe to use around the immediate area, it absorbs quickly and effortlessly, helping to protect against environmental damage.



Stockist: 1800 556 948
RRP: \$58.00
Website: www.clinique.com.au

Moisture Restoring Night Cream



Sukin **Moisture Restoring Night Cream** features a luxurious oil blend of rosehip, evening primrose and borage to assist nightly repair and restoration of healthy skin cells. This blend acts in combination with aloe vera to help soothe tired skin. It is suitable for all skin

types, especially dry and sensitive. To use, apply after cleansing at night, gently massaging into the face, neck and décolletage.

Stockist: 1300 858 898
RRP: \$19.95
Website: www.sukinnaturals.com