

**PRICE WATCH ..... UK**

## Pregabalin prices plunging

**A**verage prices for pregabalin capsules in several presentations saw drops of up to three-quarters in June, according to the latest figures provided by WaveData. Comparing UK trade prices between the periods 1-31 May 2016 and 1-28 June 2016, the average trade price for 56-capsule packs of the 50mg strength dropped by 74% to £2.96 (US\$3.95) as the lowest available offer slipped by 5% to £2.10.

Meanwhile, for 84-count packs of the 25mg and 50mg capsules, average prices dropped by just over a third. The lower strength saw its average fall to £8.45 – based on averages calculated from at least 29 data points – despite a stable lowest price of £3.12. And the higher strength’s average price declined to £6.20, despite a rise of more than a fifth in the lowest available offer to £1.59. A drop of just over a quarter to £3.52 was seen in the average price for 56-capsule packs of the 25mg strength, as the lowest price for the presentation slipped by just 4% to £0.95.

Separately, pramipexole 350µg tablets in 100-count packs saw their average price drop by more than two-fifths to £5.62 despite an unchanged lowest offer of £0.50, while 30-tablet packs of the 700µg strength experienced an average price decline of just over a fifth to £1.30 as the lowest offer again remained stable at £0.35.

Pioglitazone 30mg tablets in 28-count packs had an average fall of 38% to £9.93 while the same size pack of the 45mg strength saw its average price drop by just over a quarter to £15.16. **G**

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## More rises affect ropinirole

**A**verage prices for ropinirole tablets across various strengths saw increases in July, with prices for some presentations almost trebling, according to the latest UK figures provided by WaveData. Ropinirole tablets had already shot up in price in June (**Generics bulletin**, 24 June 2016, page 8).

Comparing UK trade prices between the periods 1-26 July 2016 and 1-30 June 2016, the average for 12-tablet packs of the 0.25mg strength rose by 177% to £7.04 (US\$9.24) as the lowest available offer crept up by 16% to £0.65 per pack. A price concession of £5.70 was granted by the Department of Health (DoH).

At the same time, 28-tablet packs of the 0.5mg and 2mg strengths both saw their average prices rise by 162%, to £14.06 and £5.26 respectively. The lower strength saw a 4% rise in its lowest price to £1.09 but that of the higher strength fell by 5% to £1.05. Concessions were £15.75 for 0.5mg tablets and £37.81 for 2mg.

Packs of 84 ropinirole 1mg tablets saw an average price rise of 138% to £50.44 despite a lowest available offer that remained static at £1.35. A price concession of £56.71 was granted by the DoH.

Meanwhile, rises for 84-tablet packs of the 2mg and 5mg strengths were slightly less pronounced. The 2mg strength’s average price jumped by almost three-quarters to £31.12, while the same pack size for 5mg tablets saw an increase of just under two-thirds to £48.56, as the DoH granted a price concession of £175.00. **G**

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<b>Price Watch Index</b>	<b>94.2</b>	<b>Pharmacy Profit Index</b>	<b>85.3</b>
<b>Monthly change</b>	<b>-2.9</b>	<b>Monthly change</b>	<b>-13.8</b>

June 2016

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**A**verage monthly trade prices of our representative basket of UK generics have fallen by 5.8% since March, when the Price Watch Index was set at 100. An Index of 94.2 in June also represented a 2.9 percentage-point fall from the previous month.

Meanwhile, the Department of Health (DoH) has been clawing back at a faster rate its reimbursement spending on the popular generics in our basket. Whereas independent pharmacists were making £1,683.51 from dispensing the basket in March, they were only profiting by £1,436.77 last month, a fall of 14.7% to 85.3% of the March figure.

Not that the squeeze on average pharmacy profits by the DoH has been consistent over the past few months. Average profit fell dramatically by 15.3 percentage-points in April, only to recover to an Index figure of 99.1 in May. Another 13.8 percentage-point fall in June, however, has seen the Profit Index drop back to a similar low point. **G**

<b>Basket Price</b>	<b>Reimbursement Price</b>	<b>Pharmacy Profit</b>
£2,005.50	£3,442.27	£1,436.77

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The Price Watch Index is based on the actual average trade price according to WaveData of a representative basket of 20 popular generic products in March 2016, when the Index was 100. The basket reflects recent official prescribing data for England and Wales and represents what an average pharmacy would pay for the products, which were selected as being the top cash generators within pharmacy. The Pharmacy Profit Index is calculated on the same basis by applying Drug Tariff reimbursement prices to the basket.

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