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Fresh warning issued over drug shortages

Pharmaceutical chiefs have issued fresh warnings over the danger of medicines running short if there is a “no deal” Brexit.

The Healthcare Distribution Association, which represents private companies supplying more than 90 per cent of the medicines used in the NHS, wants pharmacists to be able to share medicines between pharmacies as well as greater discretion for pharmacists to change prescriptions if necessary.

It is also advocating the revocation of the 2,500-plus dealers' licences so new ones can be issued only to those companies which concentrate on distribution.

To read more
<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/health-bosses-issue-fresh-warning-over-drugs-shortages-under-no-deal-brexit-a3969326.html>

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Around 50% of medical supplies currently in UK depots have come through the EU, according to the Healthcare Distributors Association. Photograph: Reuters

If the UK leave's the EU with no deal, Patients should consider stockpiling their own drugs

Giving evidence to the Commons health committee about the possible impact of a no-deal departure on the sector, representatives from groups representing drugs producers and distributors said there was an urgent need for a Brexit agreement.

Current government contingency plans for suppliers to stockpile several weeks of drugs were insufficient, said Mike Thompson, the head of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry, noting that there were no facilities at ports to store drugs at low temperatures in the event of delays.

To read more
<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2018/oct/23/brexit-patients-may-need-own-drug-stockpiles-pharma-execs-tell-commons-committee>

Doctors in UK to issue cannabis-based medicines

For the first time in the UK, expert doctors have been given the option to legally issue prescriptions for cannabis-based medicines when they agree that their patients could benefit from this treatment.

The law change, laid out in Parliament today, came after the Home Secretary, Sajid Javid, listened to concerns from parents of children with conditions such as severe epilepsy.

To read more

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-announces-that-medicinal-cannabis-is-legal>

Relax law to allow pharmacies to substitute prescriptions

Should the law be relaxed to allow pharmacists to alter patient's prescriptions, by allowing pharmacists to use medicines from other pharmacies in order to be able to fulfill the patient's prescription if the UK leaves the European Union without a deal.

It's been said that emergency powers should be put in place so medicines that are in the UK can be "managed more appropriately.

To read more

<https://www.pharmacy.biz/relax-law-to-allow-pharmacies-to-substitute-prescriptions-in-event-of-no-deal-brex-it-says-hda-chief/>



Scotland's Pharmaceutical sector worth £1.7bn

The pharmaceutical industry is worth £1.7bn to Scotland's economy and directly employs more than 5,000 people across the country, a report has found.

The Fraser of Allander Institute (FAI) said the sector exported £462m worth of manufactured goods a year.

Scotland's Pharmaceutical sector is certainly booming

To read more

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-business-46019614>

Emergency powers needed after no-deal Brexit

Emergency powers might be needed after a no-deal Brexit to make sure medicines can reach patients, according to an association representing the suppliers of more than 90 per cent of the NHS's drugs.

The Healthcare Distribution Association warned that regulatory problems and transport hold-ups could result in drug shortages in the UK. "A no-deal, we believe, would require some sort of temporary emergency powers to ensure consistent supply to patients in the UK.

It could take 'months or years' to make new supply routes, according to the head of a group that supplies 90% of the NHS's drugs

To read more
<https://news.co.uk/news/brexit/medicine-no-deal-brexit-emergency-powers/>

FMD requirements

All manufacturers must appoint a vendor who has a contract in place with the national medicines verification system provider (NMVO) who in turn must have a contract in place with the European FMD Hub (EMVO).

Companies in other leading countries are already uploading data into the national database.

There are a few choices of providers of who should be qualified to assess the suitability for your business needs.

Consideration should be given to the providers your customers and suppliers such as contract manufacturing organization's (CMO's) may be using.

To read more
https://www.pharmacyconsulting.co.uk/blog/manufacturers-must-get-ready-for-the-new-fmd-requirements-time-is-running-out/?utm_source=Pharmacy+Consulting+Newsletter&utm_campaign=788d02bf39-PCL_Monthly_Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_70bf1434f3-788d02bf39-347959889

Price WatchUK

October rises prompt concessions in the UK

Steep price rises for several different generics prompted the UK's Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) to grant concessions for 25 molecules across 45 separate presentations in October. According to the latest figures from WaveData, ondansetron 4mg tablets in 30-count packs saw their average price increase by 815% to £17.66 (US\$23.17) in October (see Figure 2). Although the packs of 30 tablets were not included in the list of DHSC concessions published by the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (PSNC), 10-tablet packs were granted a concession price of £16.59.

To see more go to <http://www.wavedata.co.uk/newinfo.asp> and view our article from this month's Generics Bulletin.

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Forthcoming events

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BioTuesday	4th Dec 18	Bristol	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/obn-biotuesday-a-spotlight-on-life-sciences-companies-using-cross-sector-technologies-tickets-49591277847
EMIG HR 'Special Interest Group' Meeting	4th Dec 18	london	https://www.dgtbookings.com/emig/
EMIG Northern Ireland Group Meeting	5th Dec 18	North- ern Ireland	https://www.dgtbookings.com/emig/
Next steps for commissioning specialised services in England	6th Dec 18	london	http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/specialised-commissioning-18
PLG Free Christmas Workshop & Networking Reception	6th Dec 18	london	www.plg-group.com/events/christmas-networking-reception
EMIG Market Access	6th Dec 18	london	https://www.dgtbookings.com/emig/
CPhI India	12th-14th Dec 18	Delhi	https://registration.n200.com/survey/2im49azmyw1ws?cid=pr_Vs_DRV20180705%7C1&actioncode=EMA801
EMIG Business Development Group	13th Dec 18	Oxford- shire	http://www.delegant.co.uk/emig
The Early-Stage Life Sciences Investment Event	16th Jan 19	london	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bioseed-2019-the-early-stage-life-sciences-investment-event-tickets-46107616121
BioSeed® 2019 - The Early-Stage Life Sciences Investment Event	16th Jan 19	london	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bioseed-2019-the-early-stage-life-sciences-investment-event-tickets-46107616121
Mental Well-being of NHS Staff Conference	31st Jan 19	london	https://westminsterinsight.com/booking/3231/MWNSEO-2937443
Improving Patient Safety & Care 2019	6th Feb 19	london	http://ipc2019.govconnect.org.uk/index.php?option=com_reg
Digital Primary Care Congress with NHS England	6th Feb 19	Man- chester	daniel (a/t) cvevents.co.uk
Policy conference: priorities for combating antimicrobial resistance - inc. discussion on the pharma industry - keynotes: DHSC; NHS England; & PHE	6th Feb 19	london	http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/antimicrobial-resistance-19
Welsh NHS Confederation Annual Conference and Exhibition 2019	6th Feb 19	Wales	http://www.nhsconfed.org/events/2019/02/welsh-confed-19
PLG 35 th Anniversary and 12 th Annual Business Development Awards	7th Feb 19	london	www.plg-group.com/events/35th-plg-anniversary-and-12th-annual-business-development-awards-evening
Digitization in Pharma	7th-8th Feb 19	Spain	registration@curtiswyss.com
RPS Science and Research Summit	8th Feb 19	london	https://www.rpharms.com/summit-2019
Pharma UX Patience Experience Forum	14th-15th Feb 19	Czech Repub- lic	anna.gallis (a/t) glceurope.com

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18th Pharmacovigilance 2019	27th - 28th Feb 19	london	saket (a/t) viconferences.co.uk
4 th OTCToolbox/PLG OTC Conference and Networking Event	28th Feb - 1st Mar 19	london	www.plg-group.com/events/4th-otctoolboxplg-otc-conference-and-networking-event
The European Congress on Innovation in Diabetes	4th - 5th Mar 19	Vienna	http://www.diabetes-innovations.com/dear-colleagues.aspx
Priorities for implementing the 10-year plan for the NHS	5th Mar 19	london	http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/10-year-plan-for-the-NHS
The future for health research in England - funding, regulation and next steps for policy	13th Mar 19	london	http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/future-health-research-England
Eyeforpharma Barcelona	12th-14th Mar 19	Barcelo- lona	gquartin (a/t) eyeforpharma.com
Bringing together leaders of the Logistics & Supply Chain world	19th - 20th Mar 19	london	https://www.eventdata.co.uk/Forms/Form.aspx?Form-Ref=SCC39Visitor&utm_source=Akabo+Media+M+aster+File&utm_campaign=f3b83c6d85-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_09_18_02_04_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_63ac0349c5-f3b83c6d85-128537645
Next steps for devolved health and social care in Greater Manchester - integration, innovation and tackling inequalities	29th Mar 19	Man- chester	http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/health-and-social-care-Greater-Manchester-19
12th European Biosimilars Congress	15th-16th Apr 19	Germa- ny	https://biosimilars-biologics.pharmaceuticalconferences.com/europe/
Dementia 2020 Roadmap to Delivery	30th April 19	london	http://2019.alzheimers2020.co.uk/index.php?option=com_reg&pcode=D2019-EARLY
BioTrinity	30th Apr - 1st May 19	london	www.biotrinity.com
HiAP 2019 - Delivering Health Equity Tackling Inequalities	1st May 19	london	http://hiap2019.govconnect.org.uk/index.php?option=com_reg&pcode=HiAP19_EARLYBIRD
Invitation to support the bid to host the HTAi Annual Meeting	29th May- 2nd June 19	Man- chester	http://www.delegant.co.uk/emig
Lead the way in digital health at the HIMSS & Health 2.0 European Conference	11th - 13th June 19	Finland	https://www.himssseuropeconference.eu/helsinki/2019/sponsorship?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTTJKaU56bGtNR1ptWWpRMylsInQiOiIxTUJ0WHhY3BlcTdcL2k1N2d3N2dwQ3VaNjZwZjIjRmGhLdjZqMEJ3aGICN1N4bDBpOE0zWFhnVnhqOXcraU1MUthYUdadm41Mm5jOXp2RW9Ob2lqREh3WGQ2UUJ5cXlrNzRCZjcrNkFKdHlxYTRvbm9XaWc1eHRtK2pBQUUs4XC9Cln0%3D
3rd Global Pharmaceutical Expo and Conference	3rd -5th July 19	london	http://www.pharmafile.com/event/3rd-global-pharmaceutical-expo-and-conference

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WaveData — Top ten searched products where the focus was to November 2018

According to WaveData, these were the most commonly investigated products in searches of the online pricing data

Wavedata Live at <http://www.wavedata.net>

Both uk and pi prices were viewed for each product, giving some indication of where the focus was to November 2018

Product	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18
Furosemide Tabs 40mg 28	£0.15	£0.19	£0.70	£1.78
Allopurinol Tabs 100mg 28	£0.40	£0.66	£1.48	£2.10
Losartan Tabs 50mg 28	£0.88	£1.57	£1.70	£2.29
Dosulepin Tabs 75mg 28	£1.67	£1.94	£2.90	£11.11
Losartan Tabs 100mg 28	£1.12	£1.51	£1.45	£2.65
Carbimazole Tabs 5mg 100	£29.75	£29.10	£27.16	£26.48
Carbimazole Tabs 20mg 100	£111.23	£109.15	£106.18	£104.39
Nortriptyline Tabs 25mg 100	£7.44	£2.80	£2.87	£6.78
Allopurinol Tabs 300mg 28	£1.15	£1.98	£5.10	£5.32
Gabapentin Caps 300mg 100	£4.06	£3.94	£3.72	£3.55

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