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## £15 million investments for Cancer

NHS England has announced a £15 million investment into supporting the speed up of early cancer detection.

The money will be spent on creating a national diagnostics capacity fund and trials of multidisciplinary diagnostic centres and the new standard of ensuring cancer is diagnosed or ruled out within 28 days of a GP referral.

The NHS is also planning to establish Cancer Alliances made up of clinical and other local leaders from across different health and care settings. These are to be rolled out across the country in September, tapping into a new cancer data dashboard to review local data on survival, early diagnosis rates, etc, to determine areas in need of improvement.

To read more

<http://www.nationalhealthexecutive.com/Care-Pathways/nhs-england-promises-15m-to-support-earlier-cancer-diagnosis>

## Common OTC medicine could help to reverse damaged eye sight

A study has revealed that people who suffer from multiple sclerosis (MS) could have their damaged vision reversed by taking, an OTC hay fever product (Clemastine fumarate).

The study is the first to demonstrate possible repair of that protective coating in people with chronic demyelination from MS.

The study was for five months and involved 50 people around the age of 40, these people had suffered from MS for at least 5 years.

During the first three months of the study, some people were given either the antihistamine clemastine fumarate or placebo. For the second two months, those initially given the drug received the placebo and vice versa.

To read more

<http://medicalxpress.com/news/2016-04-over-the-counter-drug-reverse-chronic-vision.html>

## Brain implant gives man function in his arm

A young man had an accident that left in paralysed from the neck down.

He was hopeful that one day medical science would allow him to regain movement.

Well, scientists have made that breakthrough and implanted a chip in to the young man's brain.

The chip sends signals to an array of 130 electrodes embedded in a "sleeve" he wears on his arm that has given him the ability to move his hand.

To read more

<http://neurosciencenews.com/paralysis-brain-implant-arm-control-4044/>

### Google allowed to access NHS patient records

A report has revealed that a data sharing deal between Google's artificial intelligence arm DeepMind and the Royal Free NHS Trust.

The agreement will allow google to access 1.6 million UK patients' records.

Deepmind is working with the NHS on an app designed to improve the detection of acute kidney injury by immediately reviewing blood test results for signs of deterioration and sending an alert and the results to the most appropriate clinician via a dedicated handheld device.

To read more

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-36191546>

### Changes to community funding

A letter from Department of Health (DH) and NHS England states that funding for the community pharmacy service in 2016/17 will be reduced by £170m from the agreed sum in 2015/16, to £2.63bn.

This will mean a reduction in fees and allowances.

The PSNC have been in discussion with the DH & NHS and working with other national pharmacy organisations to convince policy makers of the need to make better use of community pharmacy.

To read more

<http://psnc.org.uk/our-news/contractor-update-community-pharmacy-funding-and-negotiations/>

### Price Watch .....UK

#### Newcomers offer thin margins to pharmacists

Benzydamine, carbimazole and nortriptyline were recent launches added to category M of the Drug Tariff of pharmacy reimbursement

prices in April. They are now reimbursed according to their market prices.

All three had lower Drug Tariff prices in April. Benzydamine 0.15% mouthwash in a 300ml pack was reimbursed at £6.67 (US\$9.66) instead of £6.71; pharmacists received £87.51 rather than £108.61

for dispensing 100 carbimazole 5mg tablets; and £63.01 instead of £71.27 for dispensing 100 nortriptyline 10mg tablets.

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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<b>Forthcoming Events</b>			
<b>Organizer</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Link or Email</b>
Invitation to the Inaugural TOPRA Summit	26th May 2016	Central London	<a href="https://www.topra.org/TOPRA/TOPRA_Member/Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=summit16">https://www.topra.org/TOPRA/TOPRA_Member/Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=summit16</a>
Priorities for healthcare research: funding, regulation and collaboration	26th May 2016	Central London	<a href="http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/forums/book_event.php?eid=1172">http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/forums/book_event.php?eid=1172</a>
EMA multi-stakeholder workshop on ATMPs	27th May 2016	London	<a href="mailto:terlez@eucope.org">terlez (a/t) eucope.org</a>
SGC Drug Discovery conference: Creating a new ecosystem	2nd - 3rd June 16	Oxford	<a href="http://www.thesgc.org/drugdiscoveryconference">http://www.thesgc.org/drugdiscoveryconference</a>
Financial challenges for the NHS and priorities for NHS Improvement	9th June 2016	Central London	<a href="http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/forums/book_event.php?eid=1228">http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/forums/book_event.php?eid=1228</a>
EMIG HR Group Meeting	14th June 2016	London	<a href="mailto:sarah.rogers@emig.org.uk">sarah.rogers (a/t) emig.org.uk</a>
Conference on developing technology in health and social care - with NHS England	22nd June 2016	Central London	<a href="http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/forums/book_event.php?eid=1200">http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/forums/book_event.php?eid=1200</a>
EMBL conference Lifelong Learning in the Biomedical Sciences	5th - 7th July 2016	Germany	<a href="http://www.embl.de/training/events/2016/LLL16-01/index.html">http://www.embl.de/training/events/2016/LLL16-01/index.html</a>
EMIG Market Access Group Meeting - Change of date	6th July	London	<a href="mailto:Aadepoju@uk.imshealth.com">Aadepoju (a/t) uk.imshealth.com</a>
Precision Medicine Forum	11th - 12th July 16	London	<a href="http://www.precisionmedicineforum.com">www.precisionmedicineforum.com</a>
The future for primary care in Greater Manchester	15th July 2016	Manchester	<a href="http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/forums/book_event.php?eid=1202">http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/forums/book_event.php?eid=1202</a>
Westminster Health Forum conference on next steps for new models of care - with NHS England, NICE, NHS Improvement and NAPC	12th Sept 2016	Central London	<a href="http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/forums/book_event.php?eid=1285">http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/forums/book_event.php?eid=1285</a>
Westminster Health Forum conference: pharmaceutical pricing, transparency and access to medicines - with DH and the MHRA	15th Sept 2016	Central London	<a href="http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/forums/book_event.php?eid=1261">http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/forums/book_event.php?eid=1261</a>
EMA: Pre-announcement - Workshop: Measuring Impact of Pharmacovigilance Activities	5-6 Dec 2016	London	<a href="mailto:terlez@eucope.org">terlez (a/t) eucope.org</a>
<b>EMIG Medical &amp; Scientific + Regulatory, Safety &amp; Quality Meeting Dates for 2016</b>			
Clinical Research "Surgery" with Dr Jonathan Sheffield	29th June 2016		<a href="mailto:sarah.rogers@emig.org.uk">sarah.rogers (a/t) emig.org.uk</a>
ISO IDMP, with TRAC Services	5th July 2016		<a href="mailto:sarah.rogers@emig.org.uk">sarah.rogers (a/t) emig.org.uk</a>
Clinical Research "Surgery" with Dr Jonathan Sheffield	6th September 2016		<a href="mailto:sarah.rogers@emig.org.uk">sarah.rogers (a/t) emig.org.uk</a>
More than power and p-values" - The value of experienced statistical support in the drug development process, with members of the	5th October 2016		<a href="mailto:sarah.rogers@emig.org.uk">sarah.rogers (a/t) emig.org.uk</a>
Clinical Research "Surgery" with Dr Jonathan Sheffield (CE of the CRN)	8th November 2016		<a href="mailto:sarah.rogers@emig.org.uk">sarah.rogers (a/t) emig.org.uk</a>
<b>PLG events</b>			
EPLS (8th European Pharma Licensing Symposium) - 22 Sept 2016 - Belgium			
UK PLG meeting October 2016			
UK PLG Free meeting Dec 2016			



## Understanding Primary Care

### Do You Know Understand Controlled Drugs Regulations Part Three?

#### Storage

Schedule 2 CD stock medicines must be stored in a CD cupboard to which there is restricted access. The storage and access arrangements should be documented in an SOP.

The cupboard must be:

- secured to a wall and fixed with bolts that are not accessible from outside the cupboard,
- fitted with a robust multiple point lock (or be a digital code),
- made of metal with strong hinges and the walls of the room should be of a suitable thickness so that the cupboard is fixed securely

If a safe is used, there should be a separate receptacle within it to store the CDs. Other items, such as keys, money, valuables and paperwork, should not be stored in the CD cupboard.

Within the cupboard / safe, it is good practice to separate low strength preparations from high strength ones to minimise the risk of incorrect selection.

In the case of Schedule 3 CD stock medicines, some must be stored in a CD cupboard to which there is restricted access but others are exempt from the safe custody requirements.

<https://cqc.org.uk/content/nigels-surgery-28-management-controlled-drugs>

Controlled Drugs? Cabinets and Fridges are available from Dispex and can be purchased by Pharma Companies or Wholesalers for their customers at a discounted rate.

Dispex also runs many classroom training sessions on this subject across England which are available for sponsorship call the Dispex office on 01604 859000 for more details or visit [www.dispex.net](http://www.dispex.net)

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### NHS use of PAM tool to help patients manage health needs

To help over 2 million people with long term health conditions, the NHS will be rolling out a new tool, it's called the PAM (Patient Activation Measure) tool, and it will allow people to better manage their own health and care needs.

The PAM ([Patient Activation Measure](#)) is a validated tool which captures the extent to which people feel engaged and confident in taking care of their health and wellbeing. By measuring people's activation levels through PAM, organisations can 'meet people where they are' and tailor support and services to the individual's needs.

To read more  
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/2016/04/person-centred-support/0>

**WaveData — Top ten searched products where the focus was to April 2016**

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 April 2016  
WaveData prices in the top 10 article are averages.

<b>Product</b>	<b>Feb-16</b>	<b>Mar-16</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>	<b>May-16</b>
Nortriptyline Tabs 25mg 100	£66.29	£65.31	£61.91	£61.65
Nortriptyline Tabs 10mg 100	£59.04	£56.46	£55.15	£54.72
Atorvastatin Tabs 20mg 28	£0.74	£0.73	£0.82	£0.88
Nefopam Tabs 30mg 90	£35.96	£40.71	£44.95	£48.09
Florinef Tabs 0.1mg 100	£4.99	£4.99	£41.00	£75.00
Carbimazole Tabs 5mg 100	£87.44	£87.63	£82.44	£81.13
Atorvastatin Tabs 10mg 28	£0.60	£0.58	£0.64	£0.69
Carbocisteine Caps 375mg 120	£11.89	£11.58	£11.36	£11.43
Eliquis Tabs 5mg 60	£56.67	£55.97	£55.42	£55.29
Fludrocortisone Tabs 100mcg 100		£29.10	£93.00	
Alverine Citrate Caps 60mg 100	£13.65	£13.58	£13.76	£13.74



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