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Biotech drugs go generic

Blockbusters of the biotech age will begin to face generic competition.

These big drugs could soon face cheaper substitutes.

However they may not be as exact as they will be harder to make.

Sales will depend on the disease being treated and what decisions are being made.

Some doctors and patients may not be willing to switch to an alternative medicine.

To read more

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/matthewherper/2014/06/13/what-will-happen-when-biotech-drugs-go-generic/?ss=power-productivity/>

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Antidepressants soar in England

There has been a significant increase in the use of antidepressants across England between 2008 and 2012.

A report by the Nuffield Trust found that approximately 40 million antidepressants were prescribed in 2012, that number has doubled since 1998

Unemployment and the cost of living have contributed to the increased number of pills being prescribed.

To read more

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2014/may/28/sp-antidepressant-use-soared-during-recession-uk-study>

Special points of interest

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Forthcoming events			
Organizer	Date	Venue	Link or Email
20th EGA Annual Conference	25-27 June 2014		www.egagenerics.com
EUCOPE	30th June	Brussels	office@eucope.org
PDC meeting	2nd July 14	London	http://www.pharmatimes.com/Events/PharmaTimesDirectorsClub/BookaMeeting.aspx
CCRA Seminar - UK Clinical Research	14th July	London	http://www.ccra.org.uk/Meetings/20140714/default.asp
Commissioning of Medicines for Specialised services	16th July	London	mary.newsome@nhs.net
Commissioning of Medicines for Specialised services	17th July	Leeds	mary.newsome@nhs.net
Commissioning of Medicines for Specialised services	22nd July	London	mary.newsome@nhs.net
Commissioning of Medicines for Specialised services	23rd July	Birmingham	mary.newsome@nhs.net
Global Generics & Biosimilars Awards 2014	7th Oct 14	France	natalie.cornwell@generics-bulletin.com
CPHI / ICSE Exhibition	Oct-14	Paris	http://www.ccra.org.uk/Meetings/FutureEvents.asp
AAPS Annual Meeting & Exposition	Nov-14	San Diego	http://www.ccra.org.uk/Meetings/FutureEvents.asp

Rise in allergy admissions

NHS hospitals in England have seen a near 8% rise in admissions relating to allergies in just one year.

1 in 5 admissions are due to anaphylactic reactions.

20,318 patients with allergies were admitted to hospital in the 12 months to February 2014 - a 7.7% rise on the previous year.

These figures highlight a need for further investment into allergy care.

To read more

<http://www.yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk/news/national/rise-in-hospital-allergy-admissions-1-6651525>

PRICE WATCH UK

Concessions cover more “short supplies”

Pharmacy body, the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (PSNC), said it was “still in discussion with the UK Department of Health on a number of generic medicines in short supply” when it published the latest May list of monthly price concessions containing 17 products covering 11 ingredients.

Pharmacists dispensing co-tenidone or co-amilofruse, for example, would have been reimbursed at concessionary prices, rather than according to the Drug Tariff. However, one surprising omission from the list published on 14 May was valsartan, which in the 80mg strength shown in Figure 1 saw its average trade price rise by 62% to £3.19 (US\$5.34).

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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Nasal spray may soon replace tablets as medicine for the brain

Patients that require drugs for brain diseases are often given unnecessary drugs which could lead to unwanted side effects.

Pills are actually an extremely inefficient way to deliver drugs

An important breakthrough has been made in delivering drugs to the brain by a nasal spray.

Two stages have been a success

1, getting the drug through the nose

2, getting the drug released

The third stage is the release of a drug over a period of time.

To read more

http://www.sciencecodex.com/breakthrough_nasal_spray_may_soon_replace_the_pill-134105

Manage your health

Apple will be launching iOS 8 for iPhones and iPads, a new app that will allow you to monitor your health.

HealthKit will gather information from various health and fitness apps allowing you to monitor your heart rate, weight, activity level, blood pressure, caloric intake, glucose levels, etc.

Apple also announced that they have teamed up with Mayo Clinic. This will allow healthcare professionals to use the information. The apps will record if somebody's blood pressure reading is high, it will then send a notification, this will then allow a doctor to contact the patient.

To read more

Small local hospitals should return

The new chief executive of NHS England says that England should learn from Sweden, Holland and the USA and bring back smaller community hospitals.

He also says that we should invest in community services to support the elderly, instead of everything being in a central place.

Care outside of hospital is too complicated.

To read more

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-27631081>



Monthly service

WaveData — Top ten searched products and 3 month's average prices

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 May 2014

Product	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14
Hydrocortisone Tabs 10mg 30	£50.10	£53.76	£56.74
Avodart Caps 0.5mg 30	£25.68	£25.05	£25.54
Domperidone Suspension 1mg/1ml 200ml	£7.70	£7.49	£8.05
Abilify Tabs 15mg 28	£89.37	£87.95	£86.63
Abilify Tabs 10mg 28		£82.50	
Dexamethasone Tabs 2mg 50	£6.32	£17.04	£25.88
Gabapentin Caps 300mg 100	£6.80	£5.23	£4.68
Mebeverine Tabs 135mg 100	£16.40	£17.13	£16.40
Nicorandil Tabs 10mg 60	£3.72	£3.60	£3.75
Arcoxia Tabs 90mg 30	£22.51		£20.70

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