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Could the NHS save money on Generic Medicines?

The NHS are trying to save every penny that can, trying to do it without compromising on the patients' health, however has been said that the NHS are being overcharged on its drug bill.

An investigation has revealed that a small number of businesses have made big profits after increasing prices for generic prescription drugs, including some anti-depressants and skin medications.

The increase is only on generic medicines as the government and major pharmaceutical companies cap the cost on branded medicines.

To read more
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-36449913>

Access to brain tumour treatment expanded

Thousands of patients across the country with brain tumours will benefit from new treatment, specialist stereotactic radiosurgery and radiotherapy.

The targeted treatments have been shown to help patients with tumours which would be inoperable, because of the risk that surgery could cause brain damage.

To read more
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/06/19/nhs-to-double-number-given-radical-brain-tumour-treatment/>

UK pharma contributes to NHS bill

Companies who have voluntarily signed up to the PPRS have handed over £367 million between September 2015 and March 2016.

The arrangement was mainly set up to help encourage growth in the use of new medicines for NHS patients, also to help the NHS budget effectively and give patients better access to innovative treatments

The overall spend on medicines covered by the scheme has remained flat over the past 12 months.

To read more
<http://ow.ly/Equ0301vZi0>

Brexit – concerns for UK Pharma

According to pharma wholesalers, “Brexit” could affect the supply of medicines and could increase prices.

The UK has always had supply of medicines from the EU; by leaving the EU we could see a shortage in medicine supply.

If the UK does leave the EU, a new set of GDP regulations for the UK will be in place, this would drive up prices.

To read more

<http://pharmaphorum.com/news/brexit-could-cause-medicines-shortages-wholesalers/>

Hub and spoke dispensing concerns

The hub and spoke dispensing proposals are vague and unfair. It’s been said that it’s the more unlikely to benefit the patient and could have negative implications for pharmacies.

There has been a lot of noise made around the proposals, differing opinions on whether this is a good option for pharmacy and patients, especially independents.

Multiples and small chains would be able to choose a central point for fulfilling scripts which would then be returned to the spoke for dispensing to the patient, but this would be more difficult for independent pharmacies.

More clarity and discussions are required on the proposal.

To read more

<http://www.independentpharmacist.co.uk/the-definition-debate>

Price WatchUK

May brings an end to April sales offers

April sales offers by suppliers of celecoxib 200mg and duloxetine 30mg capsules were withdrawn in May, apparently as other suppliers were responding to their initiatives.

Eclipse was quoting £0.40 (US\$0.58) for 30-capsule packs of celecoxib 200mg in April. This was the lowest recorded by WaveData, but Eclipse doubled its price to £0.80 in May, which was more than the £0.75 on offer elsewhere. The resulting 88% increase in the lowest price was in sharp contrast to a 3% average price fall in the rest of the market for the COX-2 painkiller (see Figure 1).

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

Organizer	Date	Venue	Link or Email
EMA's 8th Industry Stakeholder Platform on the Operation of EU Pharmacovigilance Legislation	1st July 2016	London	terlez (a/t) eucope.org
Regulatory Safety and Quality Group meeting - Update on ISO-IDMP development and implementation plans	5th July 16	London	fwindsor (a/t) realregulatory.com
EMBL conference Lifelong Learning in the Biomedical Sciences	5th - 7th July 2016	Germany	http://www.embl.de/training/events/2016/LLL16-01/index.html
EMIG Market Access Group Meeting - Change of date	6th July	London	Aadepoju (a/t) uk.imshealth.com
CCRA House of Lords Reception + Tour of the Palace of Westminster	8th July 2016	London	mail (a/t) ccra.org.uk
The future for primary care in Greater Manchester	15th July 2016	Manchester	http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/forums/book_event.php?eid=1202
EMIG Digital Group Meeting	12-Jul-16	Central London	darrenspevick (a/t) eventumpartners.com
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	http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/forums/book_event.php?eid=1285
Westminster Health Forum conference: pharmaceutical pricing, transparency and access to medicines - with DH and the MHRA	15th Sept 2016	Central London	http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/forums/book_event.php?eid=1261
Market Access for Life Sciences: Fact vs Fiction - Map BioPharma Conference	16th Sept 2016	London	sarah.rogers (a/t) emig.org.uk
EMA Meeting Pharmacovigilance Inspection	22nd Sept 2016	London	terlez (a/t) eucope.org
EMA: Pre-announcement - Workshop: Measuring Impact of Pharmacovigilance Activities	5-6 Dec 2016	London	terlez (a/t) eucope.org
EMIG Medical & Scientific + Regulatory, Safety & Quality Meeting Dates for 2016			
ISO IDMP, with TRAC Services	5th July 2016		sarah.rogers (a/t) emig.org.uk
Clinical Research "Surgery" with Dr Jonathan Sheffield	6th September 2016		sarah.rogers (a/t) emig.org.uk
More than power and p-values" - The value of experienced statistical support in the drug development process, with members of the Statisticians in the Pharmaceutical Industry (PSI) group	5th October 2016		sarah.rogers (a/t) emig.org.uk
Clinical Research "Surgery" with Dr Jonathan Sheffield (CE of the CRN)	8th November 2016		sarah.rogers (a/t) emig.org.uk
PLG events			
EPLS (8th European Pharma Licensing Symposium) - 22 Sept 2016 - Belgium			
UK PLG meeting October 2016			
UK PLG Free meeting Dec 2016			



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WaveData — Top ten searched products where the focus was to June 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 June 2016
WaveData prices in the top 10 article are averages.

Product	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16
Pioglitazone Tabs 15mg 28	£21.18	£18.12	£13.83	£9.45
Florinef Tabs 0.1mg 100	£4.99	£51.99	£60.82	£75.00
Amitriptyline Tabs 10mg 28	£0.74	£0.88	£0.87	£0.95
Isosorbide Mononitrate Tabs 10mg 56	£1.19	£1.23	£5.95	£15.95
Isosorbide Mononitrate Tabs 20mg 56	£0.79	£0.85	£2.18	£14.29
Nortriptyline Tabs 10mg 100	£56.46	£54.83	£52.17	£50.28
Pioglitazone Tabs 30mg 28	£29.17	£24.67	£16.18	£10.98
Atorvastatin Tabs 10mg 28	£0.58	£0.64	£0.56	£0.56
Carbimazole Tabs 5mg 100	£87.63	£81.88	£78.08	£76.06
Carbocisteine Caps 375mg 120	£11.58	£11.36	£10.70	£11.26

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