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COMMERCIAL BULLETIN

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COVID WILL LAST FOREVER

Coronavirus will never be eradicated, we will need to learn to live with the virus even if it causes hundreds of deaths a day when lockdown finally ends, top scientists and senior ministers have warned. Independent experts seeking to manage expectations before restrictions are lifted told MailOnline that achieving zero Covid deaths was 'impossible' and that the focus should be to bring them down to levels comparable with flu – which kills roughly 17,000 people in England annually and up to 50,000 in a bad year.

To read more:

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9685393/Covid-FOREVER-need-live-like-flu-Freedom-Day.html?ito=push-notification&ci=242313&si=9275990&ai=9685393>

JOHNSON & JOHNSON TOLD TO THROW OUT 60M COVID-19 SHOTS

The manufacturing disaster at Emergent BioSolutions' Baltimore plant keeps getting worse. After spending weeks inspecting the site, the FDA has instructed Johnson & Johnson and its production partner Emergent BioSolutions to throw out 60 million vaccine doses. This comes after a manufacturing error earlier this year ruined a large batch containing about 15 million doses.

Now, federal regulators have decided tens of millions of doses will have to be discarded because of possible contamination. The FDA will allow about 10 million doses to ship out to the U.S. and other countries, but those shots will come with a warning that regulators can't guarantee Emergent followed good manufacturing practices, NYT reports.

To read more:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/11/us/politics/johnson-covid-vaccine-emergent.html>

GP AND PHARMACY VACCINE SITES TO GET EXTRA FUNDING

NHS England & Improvement is providing an additional £20m to pharmacy and GP Covid vaccination sites to speed up the delivery of the second jab. The funding will be via integrated care systems (ICS), it's to enable primary care providers to provide additional staff to help deliver the vaccination programme between June 16 and July 14.

ICs are being asked to work with their PCNs, community pharmacy-led vaccination sites and their lead employer to ensure the funding is deployed where it is most needed to increase vaccination uptake.

To read more:

<https://www.p3pharmacy.co.uk/761699-pharmacy-and-gp-covid-vaccination-sites-get-20m-to-help-boost-uptake>

ASTRAZENECA, NOVAVAX PARTNER SK BIOSCIENCE EYES \$132M VACCINE PRODUCTION BOOST

COVID-19 production pacts have elevated the profile of numerous biopharmas during the pandemic. Due to this AstraZeneca and Novavax's partner SK Bioscience are now channelling their energy into a sizable manufacturing expansion at home. Flush with \$1.33 billion from an initial public offering on the Korea Exchange, SK Bioscience has drawn plans to invest 150 billion won (\$132 million) into vaccine production over the next three years. SK has inked a deal with the government of North Gyeongsang Province and the city of Andong to buy new land and expand its plant there.

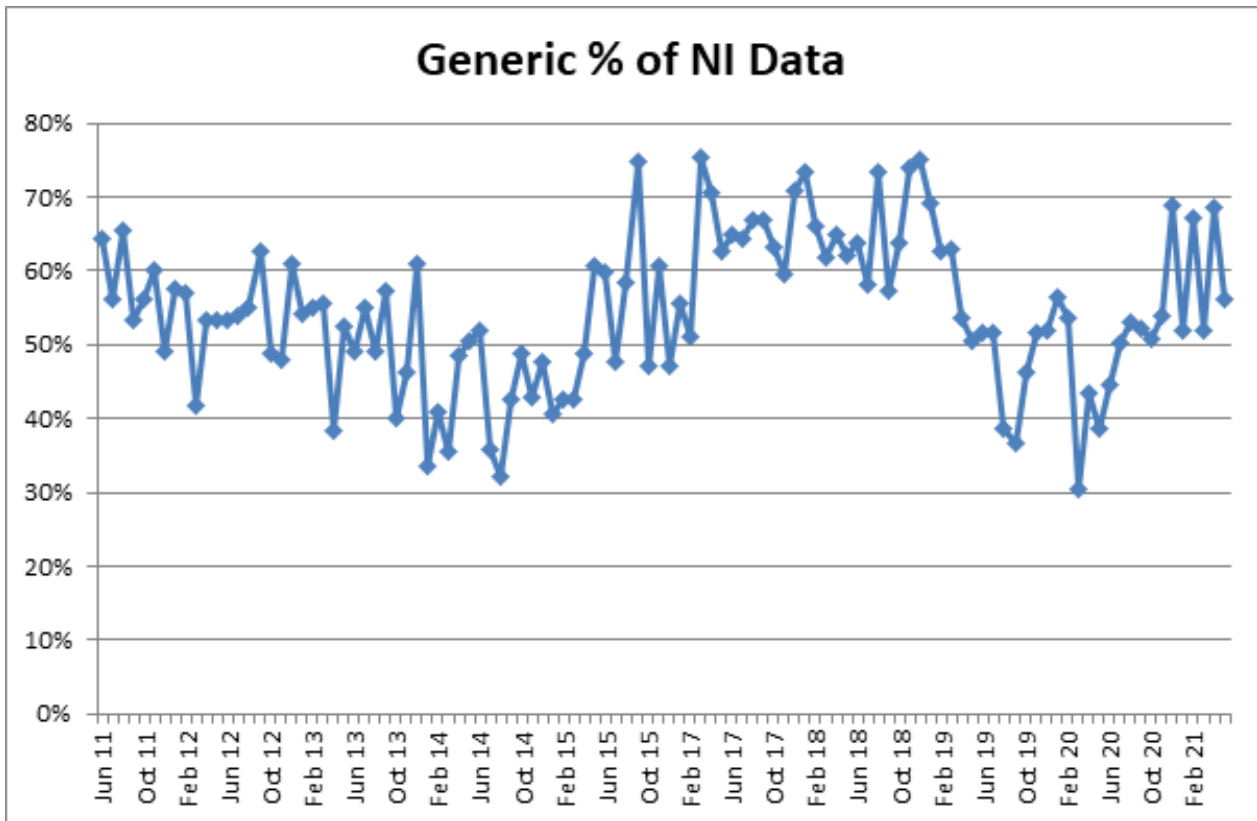
To read more:

https://www.fiercepharma.com/manufacturing/astrazeneca-novavax-partner-sk-bioscience-eyes-132m-vaccine-production-boost-and?mkt_tok=Mjk0LU1RRi0wNTYAAAF9zmij8Hi1U_-39vHg2pp2RVvDwxXB816NoRxbF7nNygMJ10nveLkocKHuVF-LIAJuzPw139k62K_aITBqsDLZ-deAOwi6dYXMpTHcIEBI57qMHG&mrkid=1081505

NORTHERN IRISH GENERIC SUPPLY

There has been a good deal in the press recently about potential difficulties with generic supply to Northern Ireland at the end of the transition period. Looking at the prices for generics Wavedata has been able to collect in NI shows that although the amount of data collected each month varies, the % of this data made up by generics is quite variable between 30% and 80%. In May this year generics made up 56% of all the products being sold to pharmacies in Northern Ireland. Therefore there was no sign of a major dip in generic promotion of products to Northern Ireland as yet. We'll keep tracking this as we head for 2022.

At present the most commonly advertised products, in price lists sent to chemists were Omeprazole Caps 20mg 28, Sertraline Tabs 50mg 28 and Lansoprazole Caps 30mg 28.



COVID BOOSTER JABS ARE NOT NEEDED THIS AUTUMN

Two doses of the Covid vaccine are working so well against Indian variant, says a leading Oxford scientist. Oxford University's Professor Andrew Pollard, the lead researcher behind trials of the AstraZeneca vaccine, said sending the extra doses to developing countries where the most vulnerable are yet to receive any jab would be a better use of the UK's supplies.

Two doses of the AstraZeneca jab have been shown to reduce hospitalisations by more than 90 per cent against both the Indian and Kent variants.

To read more

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9732265/Booster-Covid-jabs-NOT-needed-winter-immunity-lasts-long-study-finds.html?ito=push-notification&ci=270813&si=9275990&ai=9732265>

RISING MEDICINES SHORTAGES INCREASE GP WORKLOAD

Medicines shortages have forced more than four in five GPs to prescribe second choice drugs over the past year, increasing their workload and putting patients at risk.

Out of 583 GPs who responded to questions on medicines shortages in a survey by GPonline, 83.5% said shortages had forced them to prescribe second choice drugs within the past year.

GPs responding to the latest survey said medicines shortages were a 'huge time waster' for practices. Several respondents reported that the problem had been becoming worse over several years - with many blaming Brexit and others saying the pandemic appeared to have contributed.

To read more:

<https://www.gponline.com/rising-medicines-shortages-drive-gp-workload-risk-patients/article/1720128>

PRICE WATCH UK...

UK GENTAMICIN PRICES ROCKET UP IN MAY

Gentamicin prices saw huge increases in the UK in May, with the average shooting up by almost 600%.

May 2021 saw enormous increases for generic gentamicin ear and eye drops in the UK, according to the latest figures from market researcher WaveData.

Based on trade prices to UK independent pharmacists, the 10ml presentation of 0.3% gentamicin drops experienced an average rise of nearly 600% to £16.00 (\$22.58) despite the cheapest available offer in the market remaining fixed at £1.93.

To see more go to <https://generics.pharmaintelligence.informa.com/> and view our article from this month's Generics Bulletin.

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WAVEDATA — TOP TEN SEARCHED PRODUCTS - WHERE THE FOCUS WAS TO JUNE 2021

According to WaveData, these were the most commonly investigated products in searches of the online pricing data Wavedata Live accessed through www.wavedata.co.uk/login.

Both UK and PI prices were viewed for each product, giving some indication of where the focus was to June 2021. WaveData prices in the top 20 articles are averages.

Product	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21
Sertraline Tabs 100mg 28	£3.25	£3.12	£2.19	£1.88
Sertraline Tabs 50mg 28	£1.83	£1.74	£1.44	£1.34
Orlistat Caps 120mg 84	£16.84	£17.42	£18.01	£21.39
Metformin Tabs 500mg 28	£0.40	£0.40	£0.36	£0.35
Omeprazole Caps 20mg 28	£0.48	£0.44	£0.43	£0.47
Bendroflumethiazide Tabs 2.5mg 28	£0.19	£0.20	£0.28	£0.33
Enalapril Maleate Tabs 20mg 28	£8.71	£8.51	£8.45	£7.64
Atorvastatin Tabs 20mg 28	£0.67	£0.65	£0.61	£0.65
Montelukast Tabs 10mg 28	£1.58	£1.42	£1.43	£1.35
Esomeprazole GR Tabs 20mg 28	£4.74	£5.01	£4.75	£4.75

This bulletin now goes out to 5000 plus people.

If you would like to add or suggest any articles/comments, please let me know by the 21st July 2021, as I will be issuing the next bulletin on the 28th July 2021.

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FUTURE EVENTS

Organizer	Date	Venue	Link or Email
IntraLogisteX 2021	1st - 2nd July 21	Online	https://eventdata.uk/Forms/Form.aspx?FormRef=ILX51Visitor
WHF policy conference - Reform of health and care services in England and the new government White Paper	6th July 21	Online	https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/healthcare-reform-21
EMIG Online Northern Ireland Meeting	6th July 21	Online	https://platform.emig.org.uk/auth/login
Delivering National Emergency care access standards: Patient Flow Congress	7th July 21	Online	Sean.mclaughlin (a/t)cvnews.co.uk
EMIG Online Women in Pharma Special Interest Group	7th July 21	Online	stephanie (a/t) steedman@morganlewis.com
Supporting patients in HTA	8th July 21	Online	https://mailchi.mp/consilium-scientific/july-8th-event
WEdF policy conference - Improving children's mental health in the wake of the pandemic - discussion relevant to the wider health sector	13th July 21	Online	https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Key-priorities-for-improving-childrens-mental-health
WHF policy conference - The future for procurement in the NHS - resilience, future preparedness, transparency, VFM, sustainability, lessons from COVID-19	15th July 21	Online	https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/NHS-Procurement-21
2nd Genotoxic Impurities in Pharmaceuticals 2021	15th - 16th July 21	Online	https://qepler.com/events/2nd-genotoxic-impurities-in-pharmaceuticals-virtual-summit-2021.html
WHF policy conference - The UK life sciences sector - policy, regulation, growth, competitiveness, research, innovation, learning from the pandemic	20th July 21	Online	https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Life-Sciences-21
3RD ANNUAL PHARMACEUTICAL LYOPHILIZATION VIRTUAL SUMMIT 2021	29th - 30th July 21	Online	https://qepler.com/events/3rd-annual-pharmaceutical-lyophilization-virtual-summit-2021.html
2nd Inhaled Drug Delivery 2021	5th - 6th Aug 21	Online	https://qepler.com/events/2nd-inhaled-drug-delivery-summit-2021.html
WHF policy conference - delivering social prescribing - progress, integration, funding, scaling up, COVID-19 recovery	7th Sept 21	Online	https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Social-Prescribing-21
WHF policy conference - urgent & emergency care in England - service transformation, patient care, efficiency, learning from the COVID-19 response	14th Sept 21	Online	https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Urgent-and-emergency-care-in-England-2021
BioForward 2021	23rd Sept 21	Oxford	www.bioforward.co.uk
UK Supply Chain & Logistics Expo	23rd Sept 21	Milton Keynes	https://www.supplychainandlogisticsexpo.com/
WHF policy conference - Priorities for cancer care - service restoration and transformation, supporting innovation, and opportunities for improving patient outcomes	30th Sept 21	Online	https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Cancer-Care-21
The Making Pharmaceuticals 2021	5th - 6th Oct 21	Coventry	https://www.makingpharma.com/
WHF policy conference - pharmacy services in England - integration, service delivery, public health, learning from COVID-19	12th Oct 21	Online	https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/The-future-for-pharmacy-services-in-England-2021
Future Surgery 2021	9th - 10th Nov 21	London	https://www.futuresurgeryshow.com/conferenceprogramme
HDA Annual Conference	14th Nov 21	London	https://hdauk.com/