

WaveData

COMMERCIAL BULLETIN

As always, please contact us if you require further information or if we can be of further assistance in product/products you would like to see in our database.

**If this is of interest to you, or you have preferences on what products you would like to see please email:
bulletin@wavedata.co.uk**



INHALERS GIVEN TO COVID-INFECTED PATIENTS

Coronavirus-infected patients in Britain can now be prescribed inhalers on the NHS after experts found a commonly used asthma drug can help patients recover faster.

Budesonide will be the first treatment specifically for Covid patients to take at home – all other medical breakthroughs so far have been for hospital use.

Thirty-two per cent of over-50s who tested positive and were given large doses of the steroid recovered within two weeks, trial data has showed.

Oxford University academics said recovery time was three days shorter, on average.

To read more:

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9461425/Coronavirus-UK-NHS-use-15-budesonide-inhalers-boost-Covid-recovery-home.html?ito=push-notification&ci=125608&si=9275990&ai=9461425>

DRUG SUPPLIES INTO NORTHERN IRELAND POST BREXIT

According to industry leaders, UK companies making non-branded (generic) drugs have started to withdraw medicines from the Northern Ireland market because they cannot afford to meet the costs of new post-Brexit red tape. The move threatens a sharp reduction of the range of treatments available to patients in the region from the end of the year and may place further pressure on the UK and Brussels to find a solution to disruption in Northern Ireland. Under the Northern Ireland protocol, part of the 2019 Brexit treaty was designed to avoid a hard border on the island of Ireland; which means that medicines made in Great Britain will have to be licensed separately for use in the region.

To read more:

<https://www.irishtimes.com/business/health-pharma/brexit-red-tape-threatens-drugs-supplies-in-northern-ireland-1.4541226>

AVICENNA BUYS SHEPPARDS PHARMACIES

Avicenna has purchased 34 Sheppards Pharmacy branches for an undisclosed sum, retaining all 259 staff.

This now brings the Avicenna's retail network pharmacy support group to a total of 135 branches.

The Sheppard's branches are mainly located in South Wales.

To read more

<https://www.chemistanddruggist.co.uk/news/avicenna-buys-34-sheppards-pharmacies-taking-group-135-branches?cid=ENL-DAILY-LN-STORY3-TEXT-2021-04-20>

PFIZER'S ANTI-COVID PILL

The UK Government is committed to finding antiviral drugs for Covid by autumn.

Human trials for Pfizers anti-Covid pill is scheduled to finish on May 25, therefore the pill could be available by the end of the year.

The Anti-viral pill showed 'potent antiviral activity' in lab and is now in safety tests.

There are currently no drugs other than vaccines that can stop people developing Covid-19 – but if one is discovered it could spell the end of lockdowns forever, one expert has said.

To read more:

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9511975/Coronavirus-Pfizers-anti-Covid-pill-ready-year.html?ito=push-notification&ci=141741&si=9275990&ai=9511975>

NEW UK VACCINE FACTORY

Boris Johnson has unveiled a new UK vaccine factory.

The government has signed a deal with drugs giant GSK to 'fill and finish' 60million doses of Novavax's Covid vaccine in Durham, avoiding EU red tape. No 10's vaccines taskforce has signed a deal with British drugs giant GSK to 'fill and finish' supplies of the American jab at its factory in Durham starting from May. The decision was made during a vaccine war between the UK and EU which has seen the bloc threaten to block supplies of AstraZeneca and Pfizer vaccines made on the continent from being shipped to Britain.

To read more:

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9415187/UK-signs-deal-GlaxoSmithKline-finish-60million-doses-Novavaxs-Covid-vaccine.html>

RULES ON OWNERSHIP OF MEDICINAL PRODUCT STOCK DISTRIBUTED IN GREAT BRITAIN

The Brexit transition period ended in 2020, and from 01 January 2021 the import of medicinal products into Great Britain from the EU requires pharmaceutical suppliers to employ the services of a Responsible Person for Import (RPI). Prior to January 2021, it was possible for WDA (Wholesale Distribution Authorisation) holders in the EU to supply hospitals and Pharmacies in GB directly from their European distribution hubs.

This situation has now substantially changed with the requirement for batches of medicinal products to be received by a WDA holder in the UK in order for the RPI to complete import checks and formally release the batch onto the GB market.

To read more:

<https://www.pharmiweb.com/article/rules-on-ownership-of-medicinal-product-stock-distributed-in-great-britain>

EGYPT PHARMACEUTICAL CITY

Egypt has opened a mega Pharmaceutical city, the first of its kind. The country seeks to become a regional centre for the manufacture of medicines. The city spans over an area of 182,000 square meters (45 acres). President el-Sisi inaugurated the first phase of development and the city covers an area of 120,000 square meters (30 acres). The remaining area dedicated to the manufacture of cancer drugs and hormones will be inaugurated at a later stage, the date for which has yet to be set.

Egypt's new pharmaceutical city is working on manufacturing medicines for the treatment of coronavirus patients and drugs for chronic diseases, such as hypertension, cardiovascular, kidney and brain diseases, and neurological disorders, in addition to some vitamins.

To read more:

<https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2021/04/egypt-opens-mega-pharmaceutical-city>

SHORT DATED PRODUCTS AND DISCOUNTS

We tend to believe that the discount offered on short dated products depends on the time the product has left before it expires. However this and previous analyses we've run show that the relationship between time and discount is loose at best.

Wavedata collect well over 100,000 prices offered to pharmacies and dispensing doctors each month, and in amongst this data are lots of short dated products.

Here we can see that the average discount does seem to increase from about 45% to about 65% in the run up to expiry, but oddly drops to 40% in the last month. It may be that in the last month buyers are confused by the dates, and are unsure whether the product has 1 month left or 13. It could be that by formalising the discount sellers could avoid letting stock expire, but it's likely to be a minor issue for many.

On this occasion, we looked at both generics and brands, but we might separate these in future reports.



PRICE WATCH UK...

MULTIPLE MOLECULES SEE UK PRICES DOUBLE IN MARCH

Etoricoxib, letrozole and trimethoprim experienced triple-digit rises in their average UK trade prices in March, according to the latest figures from WaveData.

Several generics saw their average UK trade price more than double in March, according to the latest figures from market researcher WaveData.

Based on prices to UK independent pharmacists, WaveData calculated that multiple presentations of etoricoxib, letrozole and trimethoprim saw similarly steep average price increases last month, led by etoricoxib 60mg tablets in 28-count packs that recorded an average rise of 120% to £4.64 (\$6.40), despite the cheapest available offer in the market remaining unchanged at £1.45.

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

WaveData

Subscribe to the industry's comprehensive source of news and analysis.

www.generics-bulletin.com

Generics Bulletin 
Informa Pharma Intelligence

WAVEDATA — TOP TEN SEARCHED PRODUCTS - WHERE THE FOCUS WAS TO APRIL 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 April 2021. WaveData prices in the top 20 articles are averages.

Product	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21
Sertraline Tabs 50mg 28	£1.70	£2.11	£1.83	£1.81
Sertraline Tabs 100mg 28	£2.82	£3.45	£3.25	£3.22
Paracetamol Caplets 500mg 100	£1.05	£1.04	£1.09	£0.94
Metformin Tabs 500mg 28	£0.46	£0.42	£0.40	£0.38
Mometasone Furoate Aqueous Nasal Spray 50mcg 1 (140 Doses)	£4.44	£4.23	£4.18	£4.20
Atorvastatin Tabs 20mg 28	£0.70	£0.68	£0.67	£0.65
Ezetimibe Tabs 10mg 28	£1.40	£1.41	£1.42	£1.47
Naproxen Tabs 500mg 28	£1.14	£1.08	£1.03	£1.05
Gliclazide Tabs 80mg 28	£0.44	£0.47	£0.48	£0.54
Mirtazapine Tabs 30mg 28	£1.40	£1.24	£1.16	£1.02

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 19th May 2021, as I will be issuing the next bulletin on the 26th May 2021.

If you have any colleagues who would like to receive this, please let them know about it. You can view all copies of the Bulletin at <https://www.wavedata.co.uk/kb/>

Jackie Moss

WaveData Ltd

E-mail: bulletin@wavedata.co.uk

Twitter [@wavedata](https://twitter.com/wavedata)

LinkedIn:<https://www.linkedin.com/company/wavedata-ltd/>



FUTURE EVENTS

Organizer	Date	Venue	Link or Email
WHF policy conference - the future of professional healthcare regulation reform	11th May 21	Online	https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/healthcare-Reg-21
Diabetes Management	13th May 21	Online	https://event.webinarjam.com/register/207/ml0rxf85
WHF policy conference - improving lung health in England - priorities for prevention, care delivery, and innovation	20th May 21	Online	https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Improving-lung-health-in-England-2021
WHEF policy conference - evidence-based policymaking and learning from the COVID-19 response	21st May 21	Online	https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/HE-Evidence-21
WHEF policy conference - Deepening stakeholder involvement in policymaking - discussion relevant to health & social care	21st May 21	Online	https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/HE-Evidence-21
The NHS ICU Virtual Summit: Future-Proofing Critical Care	25th May 21	Online	https://www.convenzis.co.uk/events/the-nhs-icu-virtual-summit/
WHF policy conference - use of AI in healthcare - opportunities, support, implementation, ethics, safeguarding, data	27th May 21	Online	https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/AI-in-Healthcare
WHF policy conference - The future of utilising artificial intelligence in healthcare	27th May 21	Online	https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/AI-in-Healthcare
HDA Annual Conference	11th June 21	London	secretariat@hdauk.co.uk
Virtual NHS Workforce Congress: The People Promise	16th June 21	Online	https://www.convenzis.co.uk/events/virtual-nhs-workforce-congress-the-people-promise/
BioTrinity 2021 - A New LIVE Interactive Hybrid Event	21st - 25th June 21	London	https://biotrinity.com/registration-form
The 3rd International Virtual Congress on Controversies in Fibromyalgia	24th - 25th June 21	Online	https://fibromyalgia2021.com/registration/
WHF policy conference - Next steps for the use of genomics in healthcare - discussion relevant to pharma	29th June 21	Online	https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Genomics-21
WHF policy conference - The future of digital healthcare and new technologies in the NHS - addressing healthcare challenges, system transformation & overcoming barriers to adoption	30th June 21	Online	https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/tech-in-the-nhs-21
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
Delivering National Emergency care access standards: Patient Flow Congress	7th Jul 21	Online	Sean.mclaughlin_(a)t_cvnews.co.uk
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

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
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
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