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## UK plans to fast track access to drugs

Plans are expected to be announced at any time for the UK to launch early access to medicines.

People with serious illnesses for where there is no current treatment would be offered the early access to the drugs.

The scheme will be launched in April and will be overseen by the MHRA.

To read more:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-26553301>

## Unapproved drug given to young boy

A sick 7 year old boy could be given medicines that could save his life.

Chimerix announced that the company is starting a new trial and JH will be the first patient to participate.

The drug is yet to be approved by the US FDA.

To read more:

<http://www.heraldsun.com/news/showcase/x1001076830/St-Jude-officials-7-year-old-relatively-stable-after-receiving-Chimerix-drug>

## New technology for science firms

New technology approaches in science companies could benefit commercial operations, with cloud-based business intelligence applications and storage, embedded analytics and systems integration.

This will therefore lower costs for the Pharma companies and improve the patient's outcome.

The new technologies could make huge changes to the overall healthcare system within the next three years.

To read more:

<http://www.pharmpro.com/news/2014/03/study-technology-drives-breakthrough-approaches-life-sciences-commercial-operations>



### **Side effects in children need to be reported**

The MHRA say that side effects experienced in young children are not reported to their GP or a pharmacist.

Parents in London are least likely in the UK to report a reaction to their children's medication.

Research implies that only 10%-15% out of the entire population report serious side effects.

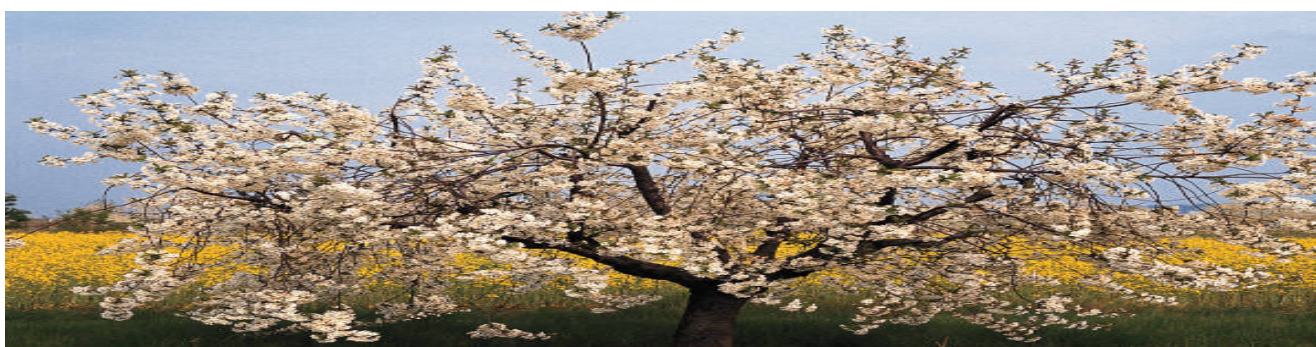
It is important the side effects are reported using the yellow card system.

To read more:

<http://news.uk.msn.com/call-to-report-drug-side-effects-1>

## Forthcoming events 2014

Organizer	Date	Venue	Link or Email
PharmaGora	29-30 March 2014	Paris, France	<a href="http://www.pharmagora.com/">http://www.pharmagora.com/</a>
Supply Chain Conference.	Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd April 2014	near Tower Bridge in central London	<a href="http://www.esc-lon.co.uk/en/attendees.aspx">http://www.esc-lon.co.uk/en/attendees.aspx</a>
12th EGA International Biosimilar Medicines Conference	3-4 April 2014	The Tower Hotel, London	<a href="http://www.egagenerics.com">www.egagenerics.com</a>
MHRA Quality of Medicines	9th April 2014	London	<a href="mailto:email.support@mhra.gsi.gov.uk">email.support@mhra.gsi.gov.uk</a>
Nice	13 - 14 May 2014	The ICC, Birmingham	<a href="http://ow.ly/rPT8M">http://ow.ly/rPT8M</a>
50th DIA Annual Meeting	Jun-14	San Diego	<a href="http://www.ccra.org.uk/Meetings/FutureEvents.asp">http://www.ccra.org.uk/Meetings/FutureEvents.asp</a>
CPHI/ICSE	Oct-14	Paris	<a href="http://www.ccra.org.uk/Meetings/FutureEvents.asp">http://www.ccra.org.uk/Meetings/FutureEvents.asp</a>
AAPS Annual Meeting & Exposition	Nov-14	San Diego	<a href="http://www.ccra.org.uk/Meetings/FutureEvents.asp">http://www.ccra.org.uk/Meetings/FutureEvents.asp</a>



## PRICE WATCH ..... UK

**Memantine drops below 90% discount line**

Double-digit price falls were apparent among our 'fast movers' this month, including bicalutamide 50mg, desloratadine 5mg, memantine 10mg and rizatriptan 10mg (see figure 1). Both memantine and rizatriptan were added to category M of the Drug Tariff of pharmacy reimbursement prices in January, having been launched in May and August last year.

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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**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 February 2014

Product	2013 12	2014 01	2014 02
Lansoprazole Caps 15mg 28	£0.51	£0.50	£0.48
Co-Amoxiclav Tabs 250mg/125mg 21	£3.43	£3.36	£3.34
Co-Amoxiclav Tabs 500mg/125mg 21	£6.44	£6.48	£5.89
Gabapentin Caps 300mg 100	£11.03	£9.85	£8.80
Fluoxetine Caps 20mg 30	£0.45	£0.47	£0.53
Hydrocortisone Tabs 10mg 30	£45.54	£46.83	£48.52
Atorvastatin Tabs 40mg 28	£1.08	£1.04	£1.12
Metformin Tabs 500mg 28	£0.26	£0.35	£0.53
Alendronate Tabs 70mg 4	£0.55	£0.63	£0.72
Amitriptyline Tabs 10mg 28	£0.29	£0.30	£0.31



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