

Celecoxib enters first Category M of 2015-16

Celecoxib 100 and 200mg have entered Category M in the April adjustment, both showing a reimbursement price reduction of over 80% compared to their last non Category M price.

In the first adjustment of the new 2015-16 NHS year, 273 existing Category M lines have seen price reductions and 255 have seen their prices rise.

Top fallers compared to the previous Category M adjustment in January include: modafinil 200mg tablets; rivastigmine 9.5mg/24hours transdermal patches and dapsone 50mg tablets.

Top risers since January include: exemestane 25mg tablets; naftidrofuryl 100mg capsules and dipyrindamole 100mg tablets.

37 items have unchanged prices, and there are no removals.

To view the full April 2015 price changes, visit DDA Online at:
<http://www.dispensingdoctor.org/resources/dispensary-management-zone/category-m-updates/>

Additions	Size	Jun-14	Jul-14	Price Change	% price Change
Celecoxib 100mg capsules	60	£21.55	£4.20	-£17.35	-81%
Celecoxib 200mg capsules	30	£21.55	£3.86	-£17.69	-82%

Top Price Fallers	Size	Jun-14	Oct-14	Jan-15	Apr-15	Price Change	% price Change
Modafinil 200mg tablets	30	£74.95	£57.49	£47.65	£24.71	-£22.94	-48%
Rivastigmine 9.5mg/24hours transdermal patches	30 patch		£55.54	£42.39	£31.69	-£10.70	-25%
Dapsone 50mg tablets	28	£45.91	£49.29	£38.59	£29.55	-£9.04	-23%
Piroxicam 0.5% gel	112g	£5.75	£13.44	£11.80	£4.04	-£7.76	-66%
Valsartan 160mg capsules	28	£2.47	£9.74	£11.84	£6.01	-£5.83	-49%

Top Price Risers	Size	Jun-14	Oct-14	Jan-15	Apr-15	Price Change	% price Change
Exemestane 25mg tablets	30	£4.94	£4.94	£4.92	£22.48	£17.56	357%
Naftidrofuryl 100mg capsules	84	£6.27	£6.65	£13.34	£28.18	£14.84	111%
Dipyridamole 100mg tablets	84	£3.43	£3.70	£3.98	£12.14	£8.16	205%
Fosinopril 20mg tablets	28	£2.32	£2.48	£2.45	£7.21	£4.76	194%
Pizotifen 1.5mg tablets	28	£1.58	£2.15	£4.50	£8.10	£3.60	80%

Wavedata price trend analysis

During March dispensing doctors and pharmacies were seen to pay very similar prices for generics. This is a continuation of a long term pattern with generic companies giving equal treatment to the two classes of customer.

However, when it comes to PIs, dispensing doctors continue to pay more than pharmacies - which over the month have appeared to be paying less.

Key among the price 'risers' for March are the three strengths each of metoprolol tabs, olanzapine orodispersible tabs and trimethoprim tabs. Headline fallers include three strengths of perindopril tabs and two strengths of each of candesartan tabs and risperidone tabs.

Risers

March dispensing doctor prices for glyceryl trinitrate tabs 500mcg x100 rocketed by

Dispensing GPs lose their generic advantage and continue to pay the price for PIs

424% after Actavis increased prices from about £2.00 to about £14.00. However, good deals below £2.00 were still available in the market.

The average price of metoprolol tabs 100mg x28 rose in March by 179% as Actavis increased prices. Good deals below £1.00 were still available to dispensing doctors, however.

The Department of Health's NCSO list for March featured all three packs of trimethoprim and trimethoprim tabs 200mg x6 rose by 106% in March. Good deals below £3.00 were still available.

Fallers

In March the price of tizanidine tabs 2mg x120 fell on average by 65% as some of the higher Actavis prices being offered to dispensing doctors disappeared from the market. This left

the best deals of below £4 available through just four suppliers.

Memantine tabs 20mg x28 saw a reduction in its dispensing doctor selling price of 48% in March as Actavis reduced prices. Dispensing doctors were able to find prices below £2.00.

Perindopril tabs 8mg x30 dropped in price by 48% in March after Actavis' prices disappeared from the market. The best dispensing doctor deals were available at below £0.70.



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Be the first to see it! Full analysis of pricing trends during April will be available to DDA members in the first week of May - but only on DDA Online. The full March purchase price analysis data is now available to DDA members in the Dispensary Management Zone of DDA Online at: <http://www.dispensingdoctor.org/resources/dispensary-management-zone/monthly-purchase-price-analysis/>