

**PRICE WATCH ..... UK**

## Flecainide gets concessions

Price concessions on flecainide tablets have been granted to UK pharmacists by the country's Department of Health (DoH) following price rises that have been recorded in May, according to the latest figures provided by WaveData.

Comparing UK trade prices between the periods 1-30 April 2016 and 1-31 May 2016, the average trade price for a 60-tablet pack of the 100mg strength rose by 16% to £11.44 (US\$16.75), despite the lowest available offer remaining stable at £4.62, based on averages calculated from at least 43 data points. The DoH granted a price concession of £10.73.

Concessions continue to be offered for nitrofurantoin tablets, with a concession price of £12.25 granted for the 100mg strength. According to WaveData, 28-tablet packs saw an average price rise of more than 30% in May, increasing to £11.72 as the lowest available price leapt from £1.99 to £7.50.

Price rises continued to persist for isosorbide tablets, with 56-count packs of the 10mg, 20mg and 40mg strengths seeing their average prices increase severalfold.

Meanwhile, duloxetine 20mg and 40mg enteric-coated capsules saw their average prices drop by more than a quarter to £4.04 and £7.70 respectively. Pioglitazone 15mg, 30mg and 45mg continued to experience declines similar to those seen earlier in the month (*Generics bulletin*, 27 May 2016, page 13). **G**

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## Ropinirole registers rises

Average prices for ropinirole tablets in several different presentations shot up in mid-June, according to the latest figures provided by WaveData.

Comparing UK trade prices between the periods 1-31 May 2016 and 1-21 June 2016, the average trade price for 5mg tablets in 84-count packs increased sixfold to £31.53 (US\$46.30) as the lowest offer rose by around a tenth to just £3.49.

Similarly, the 2mg strength in the same pack size registered a similar increase in its average price to £19.30, despite a lowest available price that rose by just 10% to £1.95, based on averages calculated from at least 20 data points.

Other strengths of the Parkinson's disease and restless legs syndrome treatment saw rises, albeit less pronounced. The average price for packs of 84 tablets in the 1mg strength rose by more than five times to £11.16 despite no change in the lowest price of £1.35, while 28-count packs of 0.5mg tablets and 12-tablet packs in the 0.25mg strength saw averages that more than doubled to £4.23 and £2.05 respectively. And prolonged-release ropinirole 4mg tablets in 28-tablet packs saw their average more than quintuple to £29.64.

Meanwhile, price concessions on isosorbide 10mg and 20mg tablets continued to be granted to UK pharmacists by the country's Department of Health (DoH) as average and lowest available prices shot up for both strengths. **G**

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<b>Price Watch Index</b>	<b>97.1</b>	<b>Pharmacy Profit Index</b>	<b>99.1</b>
<b>Monthly change</b>	<b>-10.5</b>	<b>Monthly change</b>	<b>+17.0</b>

May 2016

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May saw a 2.9% drop in the Price Watch Index compared to the March 2016 benchmark, reflecting a fall in average trade prices to UK independent pharmacists of products in a representative basket compiled by WaveData. This led the basket's average price to dip to £2,067.95 (US\$2,984.76) in May, representing a 10.5% drop compared to April (*Generics bulletin*, 6 May 2016, page 10).

While the Pharmacy Profit Index – reflecting the dispensing profit of independent pharmacists – was 0.9% lower than when the index was set at 100 in March 2016, the average profit figure of £1,668.70, based on a £3,736.65 reimbursement price, nevertheless represented a rise of 17.0% over April's figure. **G**

<b>Basket Price</b>	<b>Reimbursement Price</b>	<b>Pharmacy Profit</b>
£2,067.95	£3,736.65	£1,668.70

May 2016

The Price Watch Index is based on the actual average trade price according to WaveData of a representative basket of 20 popular generic products in March 2016, when the Index was 100. The basket reflects recent official prescribing data for England and Wales and represents what an average pharmacy would pay for the products, which were selected as being the top cash generators within pharmacy. The Pharmacy Profit Index is calculated on the same basis by applying Drug Tariff reimbursement prices to the basket.

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