

PRICE WATCH UK

Rabeprazole sees price rise

UK trade prices for rabeprazole 20mg gastro-resistant tablets experienced a steep rise in February, according to the latest figures provided by WaveData. Average trade prices for 28-tablet packs of the gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) treatment more than trebled to £6.16 (US\$8.58), revealed a comparison between the periods 1-31 January 2016 and 1-29 February 2016 based on at least 22 data points.

At the same time, fluvoxamine saw a price increase of more than two-thirds in both 50mg and 100mg strengths. For a 60-tablet pack of 50mg tablets, the average price rose by 72.8% to £17.39, while for a 30-count pack of the higher strength, the increase was 69.1% to £17.96.

Olanzapine 10mg and 20mg tablets in 28-tablet packs continued to experience a decline in their average prices (**Generics bulletin**, 19 February 2016, page 9), with both strengths falling by just over two-fifths to £1.64 for the higher strength and £1.00 for the lower.

Meanwhile, 28-count packs of aripiprazole 5mg tablets saw their average price experience a decline of 43.3% to £5.06, down from an average of £8.92 in January. **G**

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Ampicillin falls by two fifths

Average prices for ampicillin 500mg capsules in 28-count packs fell by more than two-fifths in early March, according to the latest UK figures provided by WaveData.

Comparing UK trade prices between the periods 1-29 February 2016 and 1-14 March 2016, the 500mg capsules saw their average trade price to UK independent pharmacies fall by 44.0% to £8.83 (US\$12.69) – based on averages calculated from at least seven data points – while the lowest available price remained unchanged at £1.76.

Meanwhile, ampicillin 250mg capsules in the same pack size saw their average price drop by 31.0% to £2.64, despite the lowest available price offer rising by just over a fifth – 20.3% – to £1.42.

During the same period, paracetamol 500mg caplets in 100-count packs saw their average trade price fall to £0.69, representing a drop of almost two-fifths at 38.4%, as the lowest available price declined by just 2.3% to £0.43.

And 28-tablet packs of losartan in a 12.5mg strength experienced a fall of 36.1% on average, resulting in a price of £1.24, as the minimum price available to pharmacies jumped by a tenth to £0.65. **G**

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Metronidazole prices double

Average prices for metronidazole 200mg tablets in 21-count packs more than doubled in mid-March, according to the latest UK figures provided by WaveData.

Comparing UK trade prices between the periods 1-29 February 2016 and 1-21 March 2016, the average trade price to UK independent pharmacies grew by 141% to £1.94 (US\$2.79), despite the lowest available offer dropping very slightly to £0.23.

For similar size packs of metronidazole in a 400mg strength, the rise was less steep, with the average price per pack growing by just over two-fifths – 41% – to £0.62, based on averages calculated from at least 25 data points.

Meanwhile, the UK's Department of Health granted a price concession of £2.50 for bumetanide 1mg tablets in a 28-count pack, as the average price of the product rose by almost half – 49% – to £2.12. The lowest available price jumped by 18% to £1.07.

A price concession was also granted for 60-tablet packs of cimetidine in a 400mg strength. This came as the average price of the heartburn and ulcer treatment increased by a third to £17.61. At £10.02, the lowest available price was 18% higher than in February. **G**

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