

PRESCRIPTION PRODUCTS

ViraferonPeg pre-filled pens
 ViraferonPeg (peginterferon alfa-2b) pre-filled pens are being launched (Schering-Plough); net price, 50µg 1 £74.25, 80µg 1 £118.80, 100µg 1 £148.50, 120µg 1 £178.20, 150µg 1 £222.75.

Ipsacol tablets
 Ipsacol (mesalazine) 400mg enteric-coated tablets, pack size 120, have been launched (Lagap Pharmaceuticals); net price, £41.62.

SUPPLY PROBLEMS

Myotonine tablets
 Myotonine (bethanechol chloride) 10mg and 25mg tablets, pack size 100 are back in stock (Glenwood Laboratories); net price, 10mg £4.44, 25mg £5.67.

COUNTER MEDICINES

Lemsip products
 The following products have been added to the Lemsip range (Reckitt Benckiser Healthcare):

- Lemsip cold + flu Max Strength Direct Lemon (paracetamol 1,000mg, phenylephrine hydrochloride 12.2mg) sachets; retail price, 10 £3.99
- Lemsip Max Strength Sinus Relief (paracetamol 500mg, phenylephrine hydrochloride 6.1mg, caffeine anhydrous 25mg) capsules; 16 £3.09

Legal category for both products: general sale list.

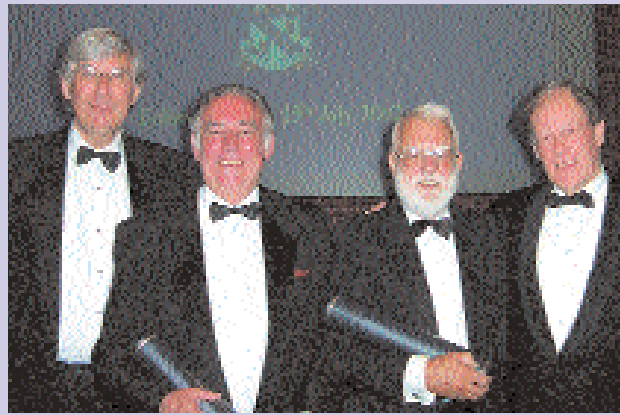
Vantage products
 AAH Pharmaceuticals has launched the following general sale list medicines in the Vantage range:

- Paracetamol 500mg tablets; retail price, 16 25p
- Extra power pain reliever (paracetamol 200mg, aspirin 300mg, caffeine 45mg) tablets; retail price, 16 99p
- Expectorant cough syrup (guaifenesin 200mg/15ml); retail price, 150ml £2.29
- Junior expectorant cough syrup (guaifenesin 100mg/15ml); retail price 150ml £2.29

The following pharmacy medicines have also been launched in the Vantage range:

- Paracetamol 500mg tablets; retail price, 32 39p
- Co-codamol (paracetamol 500mg, codeine phosphate 8mg) tablets, retail price, 32 £1.29
- Dry cough syrup (dextromethorphan hydrobromide 15mg/15ml); retail price, £2.29
- Expectorant and decongestant

New fellows at London School of Pharmacy



The School of Pharmacy, University of London, recently appointed two new fellows, Professor John Midgley, FRPharmS, and Professor John Gorrod. Professor Midgley joined the School of Pharmacy in 1962 and rose to the position of senior lecturer before moving in 1983 to become professor of pharmaceutical and medicinal chemistry at the University of Strathclyde, where he is now emeritus professor. Professor Gorrod joined the School of Pharmacy in 1946 as a laboratory boy. He is currently professor of toxicology at the University of Essex. The photograph shows (left to right): Professor Sandy Florence (dean of the School of Pharmacy), Professor Midgley, Professor Gorrod and Dr Philip Brown (chairman of the council of the School of Pharmacy).

cough syrup (guaifenesin 200mg/15ml, pseudoephedrine hydrochloride 60mg/15ml); retail price, £2.29

FUTURE EVENTS

Research and CPD
 College of Pharmacy Practice in Scotland seminar on "The right medicine: research as part of your continuing professional development", Stirling Management Centre, University of Stirling, 18 September. Details from the college on 024 7669 2400.

Treating cancer
 College of Pharmacy Practice seminar on "Treating patients with cancer: are we getting better?", Bristol Marriott Hotel, 2 October. The seminar will assess the implementation of the national cancer plan within Avon, Somerset and Wiltshire. Details from the college on 024 7669 2400.

Essex contractors
 Essex Local Pharmaceutical Committee contractors conference, Stock Brook Manor Country Club, Billericay, Essex, 6 October. Details from John Stanley on 01279 508587.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Social research
 Alison Sparkes, MRPharmS, has been awarded a master of science

degree in social research methods by Cardiff University. Her dissertation was entitled "Treating colds the people's way: self-medication in a community pharmacy". Ms Sparkes owns a pharmacy at Melin, Neath, south Wales and is a member of Neath Port Talbot Local Health Group.

APPOINTMENTS

Roche medical affairs
 Roche Products has appointed Dr Max Summerhayes, MRPharmS, as scientific adviser for the company's oncology products as part of its medical affairs team. Dr Summerhayes was formerly principal oncol-

ogy pharmacist at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals, London. Roche has also appointed Dr Ben Porter-Brown as medical adviser for Xenical (orlistat) and Dr Neil Solomons as head of medical affairs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Terry Norris funeral
 The funeral for Terry Norris, former managing director of Numark (see p238), will take place at 1pm on 27 August at St Peter's, Roman Road, Little Aston, Sutton Coldfield. Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research UK, care of Ian Hazel Funerals, 5 Belwell Lane, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield B74 4AA.

Vaccine suppliers
 The following companies have indicated to the Department of Health that they will be supplying influenza vaccines for 2002-03:

- Aventis Pasteur MSD — Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (split virion)
- Evans Vaccines — Fluvirin (surface antigen)
- GlaxoSmithKline — Fluarix (split virion)
- Solvay Healthcare — Influvac Sub-unit (surface antigen)
- Wyeth Vaccines — Begrivac (split virion); Agrippal (surface antigen)
- MASTA (distributor) — Inflexal V (surface antigen)

CORRECTIONS

Risperdal Consta injection
 The net price of Risperdal Consta (risperidone) 25mg injection is £82.92 and not as stated in *The Journal* last week (p212).

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