

PRESCRIPTION PRODUCTS

**Malarone Paediatric tablets**  
Malarone Paediatric tablets containing atovaquone 62.5mg and proguanil 25mg have been launched (GlaxoSmithKline); net price, 12 £7.64. The product is indicated for prophylaxis of *Plasmodium falciparum* malaria in individuals weighing 11–40kg.

**Depo-Provera vials**  
Depo-Provera (medroxyprogesterone acetate) 150mg/ml 1ml vials have been introduced (Pharmacia); net price, 1 £5.01.

**Serevent Diskhalers**  
The number of disks provided with the Serevent (salmeterol) Diskhaler, is being increased from 14 to 15 (GlaxoSmithKline); net price, £35.28. The size of refill packs will also increase from 14 to 15 disks; net price, £34.65.

SPC CHANGES

**Arimidex new indication**  
The licensed indications for Arimidex (anastrozole) tablets have been extended (AstraZeneca). Arimidex is now additionally indicated for adjuvant treatment of postmenopausal women with oestrogen receptor positive early breast cancer who are unable to take tamoxifen therapy because of high risk of thromboembolism or endometrial abnormalities. Other changes have also been made to the SPC. The posology and method of administration section states that for early disease, the recommended duration of treatment should be five years. Concurrent administration of anastrozole and tamoxifen is contraindicated. The special warnings and precautions for

Pharmacists collect honours from palace



Three pharmacists recently visited Buckingham Palace to collect honours awarded to them in the Queen's Birthday Honours List (P7, 22 June, p862). Beth Taylor (left) received an OBE for her services to the NHS. Dr Gillian Hawksworth (centre), Vice-President of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, gained an MBE for her services to pharmacy in Mirfield, West Yorkshire, and an MBE was also given to Veni Harania (right), chairman of Nucare, for his services to pharmacy.

use section states that women with or at risk of osteoporosis should have their bone mineral density formally assessed. It also states that a combination of anastrozole and luteinising hormone releasing hormone analogues should not be used outside clinical trials. See SPC.

**Cozaar new indication**  
The licensed indications for Cozaar (losartan potassium) tablets have been extended (Merck Sharp & Dohme). Cozaar is additionally indicated for renal protection in patients with type 2 diabetes with nephropathy (macroalbuminuria). See SPC.

ABOUT PEOPLE

**Psoriasis PhD**  
Dr Christine Clark, FRPharmS, has been awarded a doctor of philosophy degree by Liverpool John

Moores University. Her thesis was entitled "Treatment pathways and economic analysis of treatment for severe psoriasis". Dr Clark is a freelance medical writer and consultant pharmacist.

**Sports medicine**  
Dr Steven Kayne, FRPharmS, has been awarded a master of science degree in sports medicine by the faculty of medicine, University of Glasgow. Dr Kayne is the first community pharmacist to be admitted to this degree course.

WANTS LIST

**Student exchange**  
Eimear Ni Sheachnasaigh, student exchange officer for the British Pharmaceutical Students Association, wants to hear from pharmacists in community, hospital or industry settings who could act as hosts for the International Pharmaceutical Students Federation's student exchange programme. Hosts must be able to arrange work placements

together with food and accommodation. The length of the placement is at the discretion of the host and can be at any time of year. Further information on 0121 241 2420 (evenings) or e-mail seo@bpsa.com.

APPOINTMENTS

**PSNC**  
Alastair Buxton, MRPharmS, has been appointed to the newly created post of head of National Health Service services at the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee. He will work on new services for pharmacy contractors to provide. Mr Buxton is a past-chairman of the Young Pharmacists Group.

**United Co-op**  
Nia Evans, MRPharmS, has been appointed superintendent pharmacist of United Co-op's pharmacy group following the merger of United Norwest Co-operatives and Yorkshire Co-operatives. She was formerly professional development manager at United.

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