

DISCONTINUED PRODUCTS

Dutonin tablets

Dutonin (nefazodone hydrochloride) tablets are being discontinued (Bristol-Myers Squibb). Stocks are expected to be exhausted in April. The company will continue to supply Dutonin tablets on a named patient basis after that time.

Loxapac capsules

Loxapac (loxapine) capsules are being discontinued (Wyeth Pharmaceuticals). Stocks of the 10mg tablets are expected to be exhausted by the end of March and stocks of the 50mg tablets are expected to be exhausted by the end of July. Stocks of the 25mg tablets are expected to be exhausted by the end of August 2004.

Terfenadine tablets

Terfenadine 60mg tablets, pack size 60, have been discontinued (APS/Berk).

Maalox TC preparations

Maalox TC (magnesium hydroxide with dried aluminium hydroxide) tablets and suspension have been discontinued (Aventis Pharma).

SUPPLY PROBLEMS

Mucodyne capsules

Mucodyne (carbocisteine) capsules are now back in stock (Aventis Pharma). Queries should be directed to the company's customer services department (tel 0870 513 3347).

FUTURE EVENTS

Marketing authorisations

Medicines Control Agency symposium on "Variations to marketing authorisations: how to achieve rapid approval", London, 5 February. Cost £499. Details from Melanie Taylor (tel 020 7273 0393, e-mail conferences@mca.gsi.gov.uk).

Prescription pricing

Prescription Pricing Authority conference on "Towards a modern national prescriptions service", New Connaught Rooms, London WC2, 27 February. Cost £458.25 for commercial sector employees, £317.25 for NHS employees. Details from Debbie Young (tel 020 7324 4364, e-mail debbie.young@neilstewartassociates.co.uk).

Practice and research

American College of Clinical Pharmacy spring practice and research forum, Palm Springs, California, April 27-30. Cost \$320 for European Society of Clinical Pharmacy members for bookings made by 21 March, \$410 after that date. Details from ACCP, PO Box 410041, 3101 Broadway, Suite 650, Kansas City, Missouri 64141-0041, United States (e-mail accp@accp.com, fax +1 816 531 4990).

APPOINTMENTS

Generics (UK)

Richard Saynor, MRPharmS, has been promoted to managing director at Generics (UK). He was formerly general manager. Lee Cornell has been promoted from national hospital sales manager to head of hospital sales.

Mawdsleys

Mawdsley-Brooks & Co has appointed Fleur Donnelly as business development manager for its central region. She was formerly pharmacy purchasing manager at Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen Hospitals NHS Trust.

Alliance Unichem

Steve Duncan, MRPharmS, has been promoted to retail director at Alliance Unichem. Mr Duncan is currently managing director of Moss Pharmacy. A new position of wholesale director is to be created when Chris Etherington, currently

director for northern European wholesaling, including the United Kingdom, leaves to take up a senior position at another company in the next few months. Ornella Barra, currently director for southern European wholesaling is to become group services director.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Anticoagulation award

Naomi Burns, MRPharmS, was commended in the Thrombosis Quorum leaders of the future awards 2002. Ms Burns, who is anticoagulation and care of the elderly pharmacist at Brighton General Hospital, found that a pharmacist-controlled inpatient anticoagulation service produced greater improvements in patient care than the service provided by junior doctors. She has won £500 to spend on professional development activities related to thrombosis management or prevention.

Yorkshire mental health

Lynn Haygarth, MRPharmS, has been appointed chief pharmacist at

the newly formed South West Yorkshire Mental Health NHS Trust. Mrs Haygarth has previously worked as principal pharmacist for mental health in Leeds and in Huddersfield and is bulletin editor for the Psychiatric Pharmacy Group.

Pharmaceutical excipients

Dr Chris Moreton, MRPharmS, has been elected chairman of the International Pharmaceutical Excipients Council of the Americas for a two-year term. Dr Moreton is vice-president for pharmaceutical services at Idenix Pharmaceuticals Inc, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nu-Seals aspirin

Alliance Pharmaceuticals has assumed responsibility for Nu-Seals (aspirin) 75mg and 300mg enteric-coated tablets. Medical information enquiries can be made on 01249 466966, e-mail info@alliancepharma.co.uk). Orders can be placed on 01249 466974, e-mail salesoffice@alliancepharma.co.uk).

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