

PRESCRIPTION PRODUCTS

Zoton FasTab
Zoton (lansoprazole) FasTab or-dispersible tablets have been launched (Wyeth Pharmaceuticals); net price, 15mg 28 £12.98, 30mg 7 (hospital only) £5.94, 14 £11.88, 28 £23.75.



SUPPLY PROBLEMS

Haelan Tape
Haelan Tape 50cm and 200cm are back in stock (Typharm).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monosorb XL
Monosorb XL (isosorbide mononitrate) 60mg tablets, pack size 28, are now manufactured by Alpharma and the name of the product has been changed to Trangina XL 60mg. The product was previously manufactured by Dexcel.

PRODUCTS MISCELLANY

Autopen 24 delivery device
Autopen 24 insulin delivery pen for use with Aventis's Lantus and Insuman cartridges has been launched (Owen Mumford). The pen is available in two models: a

2-unit model which measures up to 42 units of insulin in 2 unit increments (3ml capacity) (net price, 1 £14.20) and a 1-unit model which measures up to 21 units of insulin in 1 unit increments (3ml capacity) (net price, 1 £14.20). Autopen 24 will be included in the Drug Tariff from 1 March.

FUTURE EVENTS

E-prescribing
PharmEDI meeting on "From e-prescribing to e-procurement", Nettle Hill Conference Centre, Coventry, 11 March. Cost £35 payable to "Schering Health Care Ltd". Details from Melanie Shaw, Commercial Services Administrator, Schering Health Care, The Brow, Burgess Hill, West Sussex RH15 9NE.

AIDS fundraising
AIDS fundraising ball, Thames Suite, London Docklands Hilton Hotel, 22 March, 7pm. Tickets £35 each. Guest speaker Dr Margaret Johnson, positive action programme, GlaxoSmithKline. Money raised goes to Mbizi Children Fund supporting AIDS orphans in rural Zimbabwe. Details from Rebecca Chamoto, MRPharmS, Department of Practice and Policy, School of Pharmacy, University of London, 29/39 Brunswick Square, London WC1N 1AX (tel 020 7753 5839, e-mail rebecca.chamoto@ams1.ulsop.ac.uk).

Phase I clinical trials
Medicines Control Agency symposium on "Phase I clinical trials", Marriot Hotel, Grosvenor Square, London, 25 March. Cost £499. Details from Melanie Taylor (tel 020 7273 0393, e-mail conferences@mca.gsi.gov.uk).

RECALLED PRODUCTS

Salivix pastilles
Due to labelling anomalies, the following batch of Salivix pastilles for treating dry mouth symptoms is being recalled (Provalis Healthcare):

Batch number	Pack size	Expiry date
241	50	December 2004

Stocks of the product should be returned to suppliers. Details from Provalis Healthcare, Newtech Square, Deeside Industrial Estate, Deeside CH5 2NT (tel 01244 288888).

Welsh pharmacy strategy
Pharmacy Management seminar on "Pharmacy strategy for Wales", Hilton Hotel, Cardiff, 2 April. Cost £39.95 for National Health Service employees. Details from Juanita Pollard, Projects Co-ordinator, Pharmacy Management, Bourne House, Horseshoe Road, Pangbourne RG8 7JQ (tel 0118 984 4977, e-mail info@pharman.co.uk).

Pharmacovigilance
Medicines Control Agency symposium on "Pharmacovigilance", Radisson SAS Portman Hotel, London, 9 April. Cost £499. Details from Melanie Taylor (tel 020 7273 0393, e-mail conferences@mca.gsi.gov.uk).

Pharmacy technicians
Association of Pharmacy Technicians UK annual conference on "Dispensing with tradition", Homerton College, Cambridge, 10-13 April. Cost £300 for members, £350 for non-members. Details from Nicola Allsopp, Pharmacy Department, Colchester General Hospital, Turner Road, Colchester, Essex CO4 5JL (e-mail APTconference2003@lycos.co.uk).

Health services research
Health Services Research and Pharmacy Practice conference, Queen's University of Belfast, 14-15 April. Cost £220 including accommodation, £145 for doctoral students. Bookings via www.hsrpp.org.uk. Enquiries to Cherith Glenn, School of Pharmacy, 97 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 7BL (e-mail c.glenn@qub.ac.uk).

Pharmacy in the future
Pharmacy Management national seminar on "The future for pharmacy", National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, 30 April. Keynote speaker Dr Jim Smith, chief pharmaceutical officer for England. Cost £49.95 for National Health Service employees. Details from Juanita Pollard on 0118 984 4977.

Gynaecological cancers
British Oncology Pharmacy Association study day for pharmacists on "Gynaecological cancers", Julian Bloom lecture theatre, Royal Mars-

den Hospital, London SW3, 8 May. Cost £30 for members, £45 for non-members. Details from Tracey Read on 01494 871271 (e-mail bopa@succinctcomms.com).

Oncology technicians
British Oncology Pharmacy Association training days for pharmacy technicians, Julian Bloom lecture theatre, Royal Marsden Hospital, London SW3, 13 May; Postgraduate Centre, Clatterbridge Centre for Oncology, Bebington, Wirral, 19 June. Cost £40 for members, £60 for non-members. Details from Tracey Read on 01494 871271.

DRUG TARIFF UPDATES

The Department of Health and the National Assembly for Wales have agreed to allow "No cheaper stock obtainable" (NCSO) endorsements on February prescriptions for co-triamterzide 50/25 tablets BP.

REUNIONS

Belfast 1993
A 10-year reunion for pharmacists who graduated from the Queen's University of Belfast in 1993 is to be held on 25 May during the Ulster Chemists Association annual conference at Nuremore Hotel and Country Club, Carrickmacross, County Monaghan. Details from Garrett Maguire on 02890 320787 (e-mail gtmaguire@aol.com).

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