

Lloydspharmacy "Raising awareness" award



Lloydspharmacy has been awarded the Diabetes UK "Raising awareness" award for its free diabetes screening service. Pictured (left) is Mark Green, commercial director of Lloydspharmacy, receiving the award from Sir Michael Hirst, chairman of Diabetes UK. Lloydspharmacy diabetes testing service has been available nationally since November 2003 and is now available in 1,200 pharmacies in the UK.

PRESCRIPTION PRODUCTS

Carvedilol tablets

Carvedilol tablets 25mg are now available from Sandoz; net price, 28 £12.54.

Citalopram tablets

Citalopram tablets are now available from Alpharma in packs of 28; net price, 10mg £9.64, 20mg £16.03, 40mg £27.10.



Paroxetine tablets

Paroxetine tablets 20mg are now available from Sandoz; net price, 30 £14.40.

SPC CHANGES

Pariet tablets

The summary of product characteristics for Pariet (rabeprazole) has been updated to include an "on demand" dosage recommendation for symptomatic treatment of moderate to very severe gastro-oesophageal reflux disease. It now states: "Once symptoms have resolved, subsequent symptom control can be achieved using an on-demand

regimen taking 10mg once daily when needed." See SPC.

DISCONTINUED PRODUCTS

Aminogran

Aminogran mineral mixture will be discontinued from 31 May (UCB Pharma). Aminogran PKU tablets and Aminogran food supplement will remain available.

Melleril

Melleril (thioridazine) suspension 0.5 per cent, Melleril suspension 2 per cent and Melleril syrup 0.5 per cent have been discontinued (Novartis).

Gestronol hexanoate

Gestronol hexanoate injection 200mg/2ml is being discontinued from 1 June (Cambridge Laboratories).

Trimetaphan camsylate

Trimetaphan camsylate injection 250mg/5ml is being discontinued from 31 July (Cambridge Laboratories).

Levodopa tablets

Levodopa tablets 500mg x 84 will be discontinued from 30 November (Cambridge Laboratories).

Ensure and Enrich

Ensure powder 380g and Enrich chocolate-flavoured liquid 250ml have been discontinued (Abbott Laboratories).

SUPPLY ISSUES

Amytal sodium

Amytal sodium (amylobarbitol sodium) injection 500mg is now back in stock and available on a named-patient basis from Miller & Miller (Chemicals). Tel 020 8980 4421 (e-mail info@millerandmillerchem.co.uk).

AWARDS

Science writers

Entries are being sought for *The Daily Telegraph* BASF young science writer 2004 awards. Prizes include attendance at the American Association for the Advancement of Science meeting in Washington DC and publication

of the winning article in *The Daily Telegraph*. Details at www.science-writer.co.uk. Closing date 14 May.

WANTS

Skin cancer care

Marion Stevenson-Rouse, a hospital pharmacist at Benenden Hospital in Kent, and a patient/carer member of the guidance development group producing the National Institute for Clinical Excellence guidelines "Improving outcomes in skin tumours including melanoma", would like to know if there are any pharmacists working with multidisciplinary groups involved with the care of skin cancer patients. She can be contacted at stevensonrouse@hotmail.com.

FUTURE EVENTS

Cystic fibrosis

Cystic Fibrosis Pharmacist Group meeting, Jury's Doyle Hotel, Birmingham, 13 June (part of the European cystic fibrosis conference, *PJ*, 24 January, p83). Free to CFPG members. Details from Neil Richardson on 0131 536 0328 (e-mail neil.richardson@luht.scot.nhs.uk).

CORRECTIONS

UKPPG

UKPPG stands for United Kingdom Psychiatric Pharmacy Group, and not as stated (*PJ*, 24 April, p506).

Men's health pharmacy window display competition



Pictured is a male-focused window display at John Bell & Croyden pharmacy in London, supporting the Developing Patient Partnerships and the Consumer Health Information Centre "Pop down your local" campaign that was launched on 29 April (*PJ*, 24 April, p497). The DPP has launched a competition seeking photographs of pharmacy window displays to encourage men to come into the pharmacy for health advice and treatments. The winner will receive £500, and two runners up will receive £250. Photographs should be sent to Marianne McGlynn at Developing Patient Partnerships, Tavistock House, Tavistock Square, London WC1V 9JP, or e-mailed to mmcglynn@dpp.org.uk. Closing date 21 May.