

SPC CHANGE

Syntocinon

The summary of product characteristics for Syntocinon (oxytocin; Alliance) ampoules 5IU/ml has been updated. It now states that oxytocin should not be started for six hours following administration of vaginal prostaglandins in induction and enhancement of labour. The interactions section has also been updated. In addition, haemorrhage has been added as an occasional undesirable effect. See SPC.

PRESCRIPTION PRODUCTS

Amisulpride

Amisulpride tablets are now available from Alpharma. Net price, 60 × 50mg £15.61, 60 × 100mg £31.21, 60 × 200mg £52.17, 60 × 400mg £104.37. Legal category: POM.

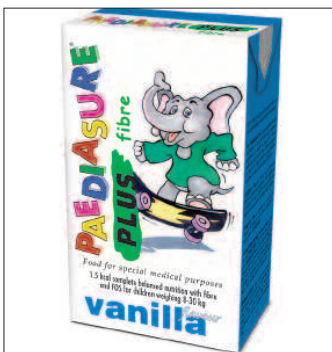
Hyoscine hydrobromide

Hyoscine hydrobromide solution for injection is now available from Wockhardt. Net price, 400µg/ml × 10 ampoules £26.52, 600µg/ml × 10 ampoules £27.92. Legal category: POM.

PRODUCTS MISCELLANY

Paediasure Plus Fibre

Abbott Nutrition has launched Paediasure Plus Fibre tetrapack, a high energy sip feed with fibre. It is a 1.5kcal/ml and is available in vanilla flavour. It is ACBS approved. Net price, 200ml £2.50.



DISCONTINUED PRODUCTS

HeliMet

HeliMet triple pack (14 × lansoprazole capsules 30mg, 14 × clarithromycin tablets 500mg, 14 × metronidazole tablets 400mg; Wyeth) is being discontinued.

Plesmet syrup

Plesmet (ferrous glycine sulphate; Link) syrup 100ml is being

discontinued. The 1 litre presentation will remain available. Sytron (sodium ferredetate) 500ml will remain available and the company suggest it may provide a suitable alternative for patients.

Tazocin

Tazocin (piperacillin 4g and tazobactam 500mg; Wyeth) Combination Pack 4.5g is being discontinued.

Zoton

Zoton (lansoprazole; Wyeth) capsules 30mg × 7 are being discontinued.

AWARDS

Mental health

The National Institute for Mental Health in England is seeking applications for its "Positive practice awards". The awards are open to people, teams and organisations whose work in mental health has made a positive impact on people's lives. Closing date 30 September. Further details and application forms available at www.nimhe.org.uk.

ANNOUNCEMENT

AIOPI name change

The Association of Information Officers in the Pharmaceutical Industry has changed its name to the Pharmaceutical Information and Pharmacovigilance Association. The association has launched a new website at www.pipaonline.org.

Cardiff University

The following candidates have been successful in the Cardiff University postgraduate diploma, certificate and master of science in clinical pharmacy examinations:
Postgraduate diploma in clinical pharmacy: Sarah Abbas, Helen Anderson, Carla Angelopoulos, Amanbir Aulakh, Robin Alistair Benton, Caroline Bernice Mary Browne, Joanne Louise Busst, Fung Ying Chan, Rebecca Chanda, Jacqueline Louise Cox, Emma Davies, Lois Angharad Druce, Matthew Elsworth, Nia Angharad Evans, Rachel Fraser, Victoria Green, Judith Mair Harding, Edward Daniel Harris, James Harris, Margaret Ruth James, Sioned Wynne Jones, Kuljit Kaur Khera, Anthony Wayne Lewis, Joyce Wanjiru Mahungu, Maria Martinez, Natasha Kate Mogford, Angharad Rhian Morgan, Sofia Naureen, Mayur Mahendra Patel, Renata Poole,

Srichitra Jannela Rao, Kelly Rowe, Nadine Ryan, Dona Alwena Thomas, Katherine Lucy Waskett, Sian Williams, Anke Willms.
Certificate in clinical pharmacy: Diane Aderinsola Ashiru, Nurroz Dato, Nele Vermeulen. *MSc in clinical pharmacy:* Lucia Chan, Pamela Das.

WANTS

Pharmacists and PCTs

Chris Morris wants to hear from pharmacists who may be experiencing problems with primary care trusts (*PJ*, 7 May, p544, and 2 July, p20). He says that any information provided will be treated in confidence (e-mail cmorrislocum@hotmail.com).

FUTURE EVENTS

Diabetes

Local pharmaceutical committee support seminar entitled "Enhancing local services — diabetes", Bradford 6 September, Coventry 8 September, London 15 September. Cost £75. Registration via the Pharmaceutical Services

Negotiating Committee website (www.psn.org.uk).

Primary care

Primary and Community Care Pharmacy Network annual conference, 9–11 October, Novotel Manchester. Cost £380, day rates available. Further information from Katie Greenwood (e-mail katie.greenwood@healthcarecommission.org.uk).

Neurology

Primary Care Neurology Society conference, 29 September, Manchester Conference Centre. Cost £135 before 5 September, £159 after. Further details and booking forms are available from the society's website (www.p-cns.org.uk) or by telephoning the event manager Gillian Botte on 01483 243 335.

CORRECTION

Grisol

Distribution, supply and stock queries for Grisol AF (griseofulvin) (*PJ*, 23 July, p111) are handled by M & A Pharmachem (tel 01942 816184).

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