

SPC CHANGES

Prozac

The summary of product characteristics for Prozac (fluoxetine; Lilly UK) now warns that Prozac oral liquid contains sucrose, and that patients with rare hereditary problems of fructose intolerance, glucose-galactose malabsorption or sucrose-isomaltase insufficiency should not take Prozac oral liquid. In addition, erythema multiforme that could progress to Stevens-Johnson syndrome has been added as an undesirable effect. See SPC.

Revatio

The summary of product characteristics for Revatio (sildenafil citrate; Pfizer) has been updated to include priapism and prolonged erection as additional adverse events. See SPC.

Reyataz

The summary of product characteristics for Reyataz (atazanavir; Bristol-Myers Squibb) has been updated to include additional information about interactions between Reyataz and triazolam and midazolam. See SPC.

PRESCRIPTION PRODUCTS

Cabergoline

Cabergoline tablets are now available from Teva UK. Net price: 8 x 0.5mg, £30.04; 20 x 1mg, £83; 20 x 2mg, £83; 16 x 4mg, £75.84. Legal category: POM.

Erbix

Erbix (cetuximab) solution for infusion 5mg/ml is now available from Merck. Net price: 20ml vial, £136.50; 100ml vial, £682.50. Legal category: POM.

Levemir InnoLet

Levemir (insulin detemir) is now available from Novo Nordisk in the 100units/ml disposable InnoLet device. Net price: 5 x 3ml pre-filled pens, £44.85. Legal category: POM.

Synalar gel

Synalar (fluocinolone acetonide) gel will be available in 60g packs from Derma UK from 7 May. Net price: £7.82. Legal category: POM.

Episenta

Episenta (sodium valproate) prolonged-release capsules 150mg and 300mg, and prolonged-release granules 500mg and 1,000mg are now available from Beacon Pharmaceuticals. Net price: 100 x 150mg capsules, £5.70; 100 x

300mg capsules, £10.90; 100 x 500mg sachets, £18; 100 x 1,000mg sachets, £35.50. Legal category: POM.

DISCONTINUED PRODUCTS

Dermovate-NN

GlaxoSmithKline will discontinue Dermovate-NN (clobetasol propionate, neomycin sulphate and nystatin) cream 30g from June. Customer services on 0800 221441.

HeliClear

Wyeth has discontinued HeliClear (amoxicillin 500mg, clarithromycin 500mg, lansoprazole 30mg). The active ingredients remain available in products from different suppliers. Customer services on 0845 8505544.

Nimbex

GlaxoSmithKline has discontinued Nimbex (cisatracurium) injection 2.5ml five-ampoule packs and injection 5ml five-ampoule packs. Other presentations remain available. Customer services on 0800 221441.

Oilatum

Stiefel has discontinued Oilatum Junior Emollient bath additive 1,000ml. Other pack sizes remain available. Further information on 01628 524966.

PRODUCTS MISCELLANY

Movicol Plain

Movicol Plain (macrogol 3350 plus electrolytes) sachets 13.7g are now available from Norgine. Net price: 30, £6.95; 50, £11.60. Legal category: P.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NHS BSA

The NHS Business Services Authority is researching the service of its prescription pricing division. Staff from KGS Ltd, based in East Yorkshire, will be conducting the research. In May, they will be telephoning pharmacists in north east England, GP practice managers and primary care trusts asking them to attend focus groups. They will then select a sample of 300 participants across England to complete a telephone survey during June and July. The research will cover areas such as how payments are made, information provision and customer service. The NHS BSA asks that those invited to take part in this exercise take the time to make a difference to the service it provides.

ABOUT PEOPLE

UKCPA awards

This year's United Kingdom Clinical Pharmacy Association and Guild of Healthcare Pharmacists Pfizer patient safety award has been presented to Victoria Magnall, head of aseptic services at the Royal Liverpool Children's NHS Trust, for her project on the quality assurance of paediatric parenteral nutrition solutions. The Teva leadership award was presented to Andrew Alldred, director of pharmacy and medicines management at Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust, for his work in modernising medicines management services at a district general foundation trust.

APPOINTMENTS

Jeremy Armes

Jeremy Armes, MRPharmS, previously format proposition manager at Boots The Chemists, has been appointed pharmacy governance and operations manager at The Warehouse Ltd, based in Auckland, New Zealand.

NAWP

Veronica Pearson, MRPharmS, has been appointed president of the National Association of Women Pharmacists.

UKCPA chairman

Catherine Duggan, MRPharmS, associate director of clinical pharmacy, development and evaluation for London, South East and Eastern, and a senior clinical

Bogus calls

Market researchers, claiming to be working for *The Journal* or the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, have been telephoning pharmacists asking for personal details and information about the work they do. The researchers have been leaving a telephone number, but these calls are bogus.

lecturer at the University of London School of Pharmacy has been appointed chairman of the United Kingdom Clinical Pharmacy Association.

RESOURCES

Repeat dispensing

The National Pharmacy Association has produced a resource pack designed to help members set up and run an efficient repeat dispensing service. Cost £32.50. Available online via the NPA Webshop (www.npa.co.uk/members), or by telephoning 01727 858687 (ext 3469) or e-mailing sales@npa.co.uk.

CPD guide

The Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education has produced a continuing professional development guide to help community pharmacists consider how they can use the results of the community pharmacy patient questionnaire to inform their CPD. Available via www.cppe.manchester.ac.uk.

CORRECTIONS

NPA board members

The list of National Pharmacy Association management board members printed last week was incorrect (*PJ*, 28 April, p476). As stated, Dilip Joshi is chairman of the board for 2007–08. However, the other members of the board are: Raj Aggarwal, Gerald Alexander, Ian Cubbin, John Currie, Wally Dove, Ian Facer, Bob Gould, Michael Guerin, Tricia Kennerley, Coll Michaels, Andy Murdock, Rakesh Panesar, Bharat Patel, Rajesh Patel, Umesh Patel, Ashok Soni and Sean Woodward.

CPD

In the **Continuing professional development** article on potassium last week (*PJ*, 28 April) the second bullet point in Panel 1 (p497) should have read "alkalosis" rather than "acidosis".

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Correction

NAWP president

Hazel Baker, MRPharmS, has been appointed president of the National Association of Women Pharmacists, not Veronica Pearson as reported (*PJ*, 5 May, p519). *The Journal* was supplied with erroneous information.