

National Training Award for Jaysons Pharmacy



Jaysons Pharmacy in Nottingham has been awarded a UK Skills National Training Award for 2007. Members of staff from Jaysons were presented with the award by Colin Jackson (Olympic hurdler) at a ceremony earlier this month. Pictured are, left to right: Sadhya Lakhani (practice manager), Mr Jackson, Elaine Smith (pharmacist) and Nitin Lakhani (pharmacy manager).

DISCONTINUED PRODUCTS

Eporex

Eporex (epoetin alfa; Janssen-Cilag) solution for injection 40,000 units and Eprex auto-injector device have both been discontinued. Further information is available on 01494 567567.

PRESCRIPTION PRODUCTS

Mezavant

Mezavant XL (mesalazine) prolonged release tablets 1,200mg will be available from 5 November from Shire. Net price: 60, £62.44. Legal category: POM.

SUPPLY ISSUES

Cytacon tablets and nitroflurantoin suspension

Cytacon (cyanocobalamin) tablets 50 x 50µg and nitroflurantoin oral suspension 25mg/5ml 300ml are available again from Goldshield after being out of stock. Medical information on 020 8588 9131. Customer services on 020 8588 9273.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Xyzal oral solution

The strength of Xyzal oral solution is incorrect on p165 of the British National Formulary 54 (September 2007). The preparation should read: "Oral solution, levocetirizine hydrochloride 2.5mg/5mL, net price 200mL = £6.00. Counselling, driving". The error will be corrected in BNF 55 (March 2008).

APPOINTMENTS

David Upton

David Upton, MRPharmS, has been appointed professor of pharmacy practice and research at De Montfort University's school of pharmacy. Professor Upton will be carrying out medication safety research.

WANTS

Nutrition and diet

The Scottish Nutrition and Diet Resources Initiative would like to

MEDICAL DEVICE ALERT

Counterfeit Durex condoms

Counterfeit Durex condoms bearing the following lot numbers have been found on the UK market. Some of these have not been previously available as genuine products. There is no assurance that counterfeit condoms have been manufactured to appropriate standards and users cannot be guaranteed adequate protection.

Name on counterfeits	Lot number on counterfeits
Durex extra safe 3 pack	20604354
Durex ribbed 3 pack	20905271
Durex ribbed 3 pack	20904142
Durex ribbed 3 pack	299118
Durex performa 3 pack	TGL4142
Durex select 3 pack	P4379
Durex fetherlite 3 pack	21405074
Durex arouser 3 pack	20906043
Durex gossamer 3 pack	21405074

SSL International believes that all previously available genuine Durex products bearing the above lot numbers will by now have been sold as they were distributed before November 2006.

Suppliers and retailers should identify affected products, not supply affected products, and contact the Durex consumer care line on 0800 338 739 to discuss disposal or replacement.

Health care professionals should advise people who may have been supplied with counterfeit condoms to contact the Durex Consumer Careline, consider counselling particular groups such as those with HIV infection and report any adverse incidents involving counterfeit condoms to the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency on 020 7084 3080 (e-mail aic@mhra.gsi.gov.uk) and the manufacturer.

Pharmacists should ask users to inform their local trading standards office if they believe that they have purchased counterfeit condoms and to report any adverse incidents.

hear from community pharmacists about what nutrition and diet patient information leaflets they would like the initiative to produce over the next few years. The SNDRI is running an online survey (www.caledonian.ac.uk/sndri) to allow views to be contributed, which will be accessible via the SNDRI's website.

RESOURCES

Rheumatoid arthritis

Guides for employees and employers, designed to help people with rheumatoid arthritis stay in work longer, have been launched by the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society. The leaflets are available free of charge by calling 0845 4583969 or by visiting www.rheumatoid.org.uk.

FUTURE EVENTS

Clarke Inquiry

The independent inquiry, led by Nigel Clarke, into a professional body for pharmacy will be holding public meetings in the following

cities: Cardiff (22 November), London (28 November), Bristol (12 December), Edinburgh (9 January 2008), Leeds (14 January 2008), Manchester (21 January 2008), Birmingham (24 January 2008), Newcastle (28 January 2008). Venues and exact times will be posted on the Clarke inquiry website (www.theclarkeinquiry.com).

Heart Research UK

Heart Research UK's 2007 lifestyle conference, Harrogate, 6-7 December. Cost £325. Further information available via www.heartresearch.org.uk/conference.htm.

UniChem conference

The UniChem 2008 convention will take place in Muscat, Oman, 13-20 October 2008. Further information and bookings on 0800 634 0119.

CORRECTION

Nomad MDS

Nomad monitored dosage system was developed by Surgichem not Protomed as suggested in last week's issue (p463).

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