

## Royal Pharmaceutical Society elects two new honorary members



Virgil Jordan and Laurence Patterson were made honorary members of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society at a ceremony in London last month. Professor Jordan (pictured above left with Society President Hemant Patel) was recognised for his work in the development of tamoxifen and Professor Patterson (right-hand picture), currently director of the Institute of Cancer Therapeutics and professor of drug therapy at the University of Bradford, was recognised for his academic work in drug discovery.

### PRESCRIPTION PRODUCTS

#### Hydrocortisone

Hydrocortisone cream 1 per cent and ointment 1 per cent are now available from Waymade Healthcare in Sovereign livery. Net price (cream): 15g, £1.35; 30g, £2.80; 50g, £13. Net price (ointment): 15g, £1.50; 30g, £2.80; 50g, £15.50. Legal category: POM.

#### Kaletra

Kaletra (lopinavir/ritonavir) film-coated tablets 100mg/25mg are now available from Abbott Laboratories. Net price: 60, £76.85. Legal category: POM.

### PRODUCTS MISCELLANY

#### Emollin

Emollin 50/50 Emollient Spray (white soft paraffin/liquid paraffin; CD Medical) 240ml is now available through M&A Pharmachem. Net price: £5.98. Recommended retail price: £9.06. Legal category: GSL.

### SUPPLY ISSUES

#### Syntometrine

Syntometrine (oxytocin 5iu, ergometrine maleate 0.5mg; Alliance) ampoules are available again after being out of stock. Orders and enquiries on 01249 705112 (fax 01249 466976; e-mail salesorders@alliancepharma.co.uk).

### DISCONTINUED PRODUCTS

#### Moducren

Moducren (hydrochlorothiazide/amiloride hydrochloride/timolol maleate) tablets have been discontinued by Merck Sharp &

Dohme. Medical information on 01992 467272.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Pharmacy doctorates

Tracey Boyce, MPSNI, Gillian Gow, MRPharmS, Judith Grice, MRPharmS, Susan Shaw, MRPharmS, and Deborah Wright, MRPharmS, have been awarded doctor of pharmacy degrees by the University of Derby.

### FUTURE EVENTS

#### HIVPA study day

HIV Pharmacy Association study day on cardiology and metabolics, London, 13 May. Free of charge for HIVPA members. Further details about the meeting or HIVPA membership from (hivpa@conas.co.uk) and via www.hivpa.org.

#### PDIG symposium

Guild of Healthcare Pharmacists Procurement and Distribution Interest Group summer symposium, Coventry, 5 June. Cost £95 (NHS), £130 (non-NHS). Further information from Jean Fairhurst on 01296 662209 (e-mail jean.fairhurst@yahoo.co.uk).

#### BOPA study day

British Oncology Pharmacy Association study day for community and hospital pharmacy staff who are involved on a daily basis with prescriptions for oral cancer treatments, Birmingham, 11 June. Cost £47.50 (members), £100 (non-members). Further information from Yvonne Blake on 01494 549100 (e-mail bopa2008@succintcomms.com) and via www.bopawebsite.org.

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### MEDICAL DEVICE ALERT

#### Trulife walking frames

Walking frames for adults and children manufactured by Trulife Ltd have been investigated by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency following reports of incidents where the plastic clips used to set the height adjustment have either snapped in use or did not engage correctly, causing the frame to collapse and the user to fall. All standard models of Trulife walking frames manufactured from 2 April 2007 to 7 November 2007 (product codes beginning with RJ or RM) with plastic height adjustment clips are affected, including models with or without wheels and those with arm support troughs. In November 2007, Trulife changed back to using metal adjustment clips.

Recipients of the affected frames are advised to contact Trulife on 0114 261 8100 (sales@trulife.co.uk) to discuss arrangements for the frames to be modified.