

## Answers to Christmas quiz

Below are the answers to the Christmas quiz which we published on 22/29 December 2001 (p928). Unfortunately, there were no winners.

- Propecia was licensed in the United Kingdom in 1999 for which indication? (b) Male pattern hair loss
- Which of the following is false? NICE has published technology appraisals for: (d) Use of triptans in migraine
- In relation to medicine/pharmacy what do the following stand for:
  - ATC — Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical
  - DDD — defined daily dose
  - FIP — Federation Internationale Pharmaceutique
  - USP — United States Pharmacopeia
  - IJPP — International Journal of Pharmacy Practice
- Match products (a–f) with the reason for their UK withdrawal (i–vii). Reasons can be used more than once or not at all.
  - cisapride and (i) cardiac side effects
  - Osmosin and (vii) gastrointestinal side effects
  - troglitazone and (v) liver toxicity
  - practolol and (iii) oculomucocutaneous syndrome
  - mibefradil and (iv) risk of serious drug interactions
  - terodiline and (i) cardiac side effects
- Put these compounds in order of their use as a therapeutic agent (earliest first): Aspirin, sulphonamides, penicillin, linezolid.
- On a prescription dated 1910 what is meant by a bougie? A long, thin, tapering pharmaceutical dosage form for insertion into urethra, or nose etc.
- What is the colour of the dye that must be used in the official green cross pharmacy logo? (c) Pantone 354
- What was cost per NHS prescription item on 1 April 1971? (d) 20 pence
- Approximately how many books are held in the Society's library? (c) 60,000
- What is the name of the plant that was used to poison Socrates? (b) Hemlock
- In which year was the Society's 150th Royal Charter anniversary? (c) 1993
- What is the name of the person who inspired the song "Lily the Pink"? Lydia Estes Pinkham
- When was the single transferable vote system first used in the Society's Council election? (b) 1976
- How many secretary and registrars have there been since the foundation of the Society? (Joint Secretaries are counted as one.) (b) 11
- DA-9601 has potential value in colitis. From which plant is it derived? (b) *Artemisia asiatica*
- Fluoxetine is used for aggression in: (b) Dogs
- What was Veronal? (a) Barbitone
- What is the rough split of male to female pharmacists currently registered with the Society? (c) 50:50
- Which was the first prescription-only medicine to be reclassified as a pharmacy-medicine at its manufacturer's request? (d) Loperamide
- What does the "Duthie report" (1988) concern? (c) The safe and secure handling of medicines
- How many editions of 'Martindale the Extra Pharmacopoeia' had editorial input from a "Martindale"? (b) 20
- What is Venice turpentine? (b) Larch oleoresin
- According to the World Health Organization, acupuncture needles must be sterilised by which method to prevent HIV transmission? (d) Heat sterilisation
- What is Gingergrass oil? (c) Turkish or Indian geranium oil
- Name the people who currently hold the following posts:
  - Chief Pharmaceutical Officer for England — Dr Jim Smith
  - Secretary of the Society in Scotland — Dr Sheila Stevens
  - President of the Society — Marshall Davies
  - Chairman of NICE — Sir Michael Rawlins
- Clinically important drug interactions can occur with St John's Wort. According to the Committee on Safety of Medicines, St John's Wort should not be taken with which other medicine? (a) Oral contraceptives
- In which condition has thalidomide recently been found to be beneficial? (a) Leprosy
- Are the following pharmaceutical statements and definitions true or false?
  - A preparation must be freshly prepared* indicates that it must be made not more than about four weeks before it is issued for use — False
  - Water for preparations* is potable or freshly boiled and cooled purified water — True
  - Refrigerator temperature* is defined as 8–15 degrees Celsius — False
  - Shellac* is used in pharmaceutical formulations for the enteric coating of tablets and beads — True
- What percentage of voting papers were returned in the 2001 Council election? (b) 20–25 per cent
- Brinerdin is an antihypertensive compound preparation available in South Africa. Which ergot derivative does it contain? (d) Dihydroergocristine