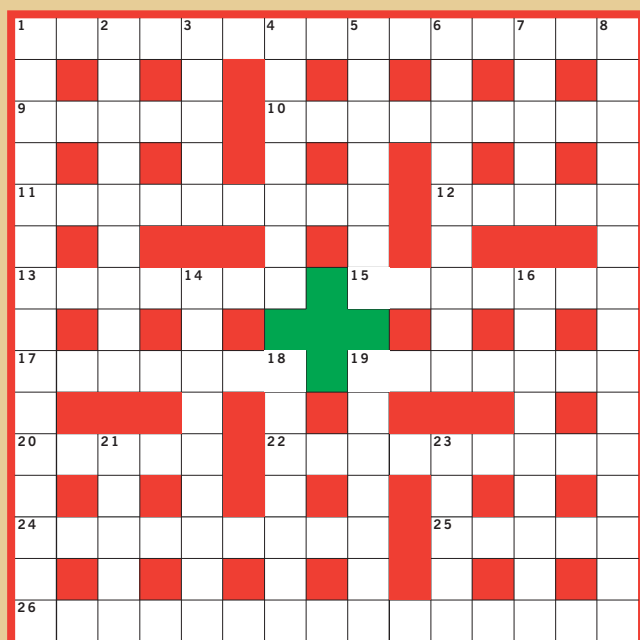


Christmas crossword puzzle

Solve our crossword and get the chance to win a silk tie or scarf designed by Pharmacopoeia, a group of artists who use images of medicines in their work. The winning entry will be drawn on 5 January 2005. Entries should be sent to The Editor, *The Pharmaceutical Journal*, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN. They should be marked "Crossword" and should include your name, address and daytime telephone number. Do not send any other material with the entry. The editor's decision is final.



Across

1. OTC produced in converted Princeton prison (3-12)
9. Wooden tongue? That's some absolute nonsense! (5)
10. Copper's to help over name for keeper (9)
11. Nothing added to gin and tonic cocktail with identity concealed (9)
12. Skin maybe starts off red, gets almost necrotic (5)
13. On brief vacation dead-end kid is clinging (5,2)
15. Lack of a sense of smell is unusual in Samoa (7)
17. Spasm after consuming bad beer derived from turpentine oil (7)
19. After depression, it is something that may affect 24 (7)
20. Saltpetre inert? Wrong! (5)
22. Blockhead has anaesthetised cranium (9)
24. After reversing Ulster setback, spike abdominal organ (9)
25. Nonsense about very large perch (5)
26. With £1,000, father goes to hire head covering — a consequence of offspring starting families (15)

Down

1. In spite of weight going up, humorist has aspiration to acquire status (15)
2. Ann carols about description of some vectors (3-6)
3. Deny being possessed by bizarre nightmare (5)
4. Division occurring when religious group takes one on (7)
5. After rejecting alternative, backing for old stimulant laxative for measly rash (7)
6. Troubled zoo patrol gives description of tiny organisms (9)
7. Food decoration derived from aspic in gravy (5)
8. Description of a bacterium without an envelope — but not described succinctly? (3-12)
14. Son in lake with daughter follows U-boat below the surface (9)
16. Take new sumo mat to Japanese city (9)
18. Frank answer: "It causes thrush" (7)
19. Contend company representative has alien drug (7)
21. Fish in elaborate traps (5)
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