

Medicines Optimisation news headlines

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1. Hot Tips:

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COLOFAC 135mg tabs	Mebeverine 135mg tablets
LUVENTA XL 8mg/16mg/24mg	Galantamine M/R 8mg/16mg/24mg
Venlafaxine M/R TABLETS (as generic)	Venlafaxine M/R capsules
Bisacodyl – for short term stimulant laxative	Senna
ZAPAIN - brand	Co-codamol 30-500mg
Consilient contraceptives e.g Lucette, Cerelle	Other contraceptive brands or generics e.g Yasmin, Cerazette
Prednisolone PLAIN tabs	Prednisolone E/C tablets
Quetiapine IMMEDIATE release	Quetiapine modified release
Doxazosin IMMEDIATE release (half-dose)	Doxazosin modified release
LAXIDO	Movicol

This will also be distributed to practices as a poster.

2. Demeclocycline

We have been informed that there is a shortage of demeclocycline that is likely to continue until July 2015. Demeclocycline is only advocated locally for the treatment of hyponatraemia as a result of inappropriate secretion of antidiuretic hormone (SIADH). Alternative treatments for this condition are limited, so it is imperative that supplies are maintained by accessing imported products.

Please note that if demeclocycline has been prescribed as an antibacterial, other tetracyclines are available.

Demeclocycline can be imported through the following routes:

- **IDIS**
Ledermycin (Demeclocycline Hydrochloride) 300 mg - pack of 16 capsules.
When an order is placed there is a lead time of 3 weeks to obtain stock.
Price is £67.39 + VAT per pack (£283 for 28 days at 600mg daily), but only if the community pharmacists procure direct from IDIS and not through any intermediaries.
- **AmdiPharm Mercury can supply an import:**
Demeclocycline Hydrochloride 150mg - pack of 100 tablets.
There is no lead time.
Price is £650 per pack (£874 for 28 days at 600mg daily), but only if the community pharmacists procure direct and not through any intermediaries.

What can you do?

It is important to highlight those patients who may be affected by this. The Medicines Management Pharmacists and Technicians working within your practice can help to liaise with the relevant community pharmacists to facilitate continuation of supply.

We are keen to pursue this approach in order to minimise changes to the supply chain and prevent unnecessary confusion. However if it proves impossible to provide demeclocycline via community pharmacy please let a member of the team know and we will try to arrange a supply through an alternative route. Please avoid any emergency requests to the local hospitals.

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