

NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES 4e UPDATES, JUNE – DECEMBER 2013

Chapter	Page	Heading/ subheading	Update info.	Date
29	202	Product examples	Additional example: Orajel Mouth Gel (Church and Dwight). The only gel preparation containing benzocaine (10%) specifically licensed for treatment of mouth ulcer pain.	November 2013
33	219	Diclofenac	<p>Following a Europe-wide review of the cardiovascular safety of diclofenac, the MHRA has asked pharmacists to take the following steps when supplying diclofenac without prescription:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask questions to exclude supply for use by people with established cardiovascular disease and people with significant risk factors for cardiovascular events • Advise patients to take diclofenac only for 3 days before seeking medical advice • Advise patients to take only one NSAID at a time. <p>The advice does not apply to topical formulations of diclofenac.</p>	June 2013
37	251	Delivery systems	<p>New presentation: nicotine replacement therapy oral strips. Orodispersible film strips containing 2.5 mg nicotine, bioequivalent to 2 mg lozenges; indicated for smokers who are not so dependent as to need to smoke within 30 minutes of waking in the morning. Administration: a film is placed on the tongue, the mouth is closed and the tongue pressed gently to the roof of the mouth until the nicotine film dissolves (approximately 3 minutes). Absorption is through the buccal mucosa. Recommended treatment period, 12 weeks. Recommended treatment schedule: weeks 1 to 6, 1 strip every 1 – 2 hours (minimum 9 per day, maximum 15); weeks 7 to 9, 1 strip every 2 – 4 hours; weeks 10 to 12, 1 strip every 4 – 8 hours. Product: NiQuitin Strips (GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare).</p>	October 2013
PRODUCTS WITHDRAWN				
1	5	Oxy On-the-Spot, Panoxyl Acne 5 gel, Panoxyl Acne 10 gel		
2	12	Scholl athletes foot cream (tolnaftate), cream and solution		
8	45	Regulan sachets		
8	47	Biolax tablets		
8	48	Sure-lax Senna tablets		
9	56	Scholl hydra-gel corn cushions		
10	62	Bepro Cough Syrup		
10	63	Tixylix Night Cough, Benylin Cough and Cold		
12	75	Cymalon cranberry liquid (potassium citrate)		

14	91	Diocalm Dual Action
15	97,99	Diprobath bath additive
16	102	Earex Plus
16	103	Earex ear drops
16	104	Cerumol ear drops (remain available but no longer contain paradichlorbenzene)
21	139	Flixonase Allergy nasal spray
23	156, 158	Bisodol Extra Tablets
23	159	Topal tablets, Gaviscon Relief liquid
24	172	Lactocalamine Cream
29	202	Rinstead pastilles
33	221	Fenpaed suspension and sachets
33	225	Propain, Propain Plus caplets
38	262	Meggezones Pastilles, Bradosol Sugar Free Lozenges, Lemsip Sore Throat Lozenges
38	263	Lozamine Lozenges
38	264	Ultra Chloraseptic Anaesthetic Spray, Dequaspray
39	268	Seven Seas Slumber tablets
40	272	Pripsen Mebendazole Tablets
40	273	Pripsen Piperazine Phosphate Powder
41	280	Ecostatin Cream
43	287	Posalfilin ointment