

NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES 4e – UPDATES, JANUARY- NOVEMBER 2014

Chapter	Page	Heading/ subheading	Update info.	Date
13	81	Coal tar and other tar products	Pentrax shampoo discontinued	Feb 2014
13	82	Keratolytic agents/Products	Meted shampoo discontinued	Feb 2014
23	165	Treatment - domperidone	A European review concluded that domperidone is associated with a small increased risk of serious cardiac side effects. As a result, the drug reverted to prescription only status and all P licensed products were withdrawn. Restrictions on its use on prescription were imposed and over-the-counter products containing domperidone were removed from sale.	September 2014
33	222	Evidence of effectiveness of non-prescription oral analgesics/Back pain and muscular pain.	A multicentre, double-dummy, randomised, placebo controlled trial of 1500 patients in Sydney, Australia found that paracetamol was no more effective than placebo in the treatment of low back pain. (Williams CM <i>et al.</i> Efficacy of paracetamol for acute low-back pain: a double-blind, randomised controlled trial. <i>Lancet</i> 2014 Jul 23. [Epub ahead of print]).	July 2014