

Media Statement

Roche UK moves to a contractual relationship with two Wholesaler Business Partners for the distribution of a selection of its medicines

17 December - Roche in the UK is simplifying the way its medicines are distributed in the community by moving to a contractual relationship with two Wholesaler Business Partners.

The announcement follows a thorough review of Roche's distribution of medicines in the UK and is aimed at ensuring a more efficient and streamlined supply chain for its innovative medicines to patients.

As a result of this review, Roche UK has selected AAH Pharmaceuticals Ltd and UniChem Ltd as their Wholesaler Business Partners for the distribution of a selection of its medicines to hospital pharmacies, community pharmacists and dispensing doctors throughout the UK, effective 15 January 2009. However, Roche will continue to exclusively supply selected products direct to hospital or retail pharmacies using its own logistical arrangements.

The selected Wholesaler Business Partners, AAH Pharmaceuticals Ltd and UniChem Ltd, offer national coverage, high service levels and already distribute the majority of Roche UK's medicines in the community.

All customers are being contacted with information on these changes.

Products Available from Roche Products Limited Direct:

Presentation	Pack Size	EAN Code	PIP Code	Trade Price Excl VAT
AVASTIN (bevacizumab)				
Vial 100mg/4ml	1	5000471006292	314-5471	242.66
Vial 400mg/16ml	1	5000471006308	314-5489	924.40
COPEGUS (ribavirin)				
Tablets 200 mg	42	5000471006049	291-7615	115.62
Tablets 200 mg	112	5000471006117	301-1137	308.31
Tablets 200 mg	168	5000471006056	291-7656	462.47
Tablets 400 mg	56	5000471006698	326-2193	308.31
FUZEON (enfuvirtide)				
Vials 90mg/ml Patient Pack	60	5000471006124	N/A	1148.16
HERCEPTIN (trastuzumab)				
Vial 150mg	1	5000471005721	273-5629	407.40
MABTHERA (rituximab)				
Vials 100mg 10ml	2	5000471004977	253-0376	349.25
Vials 500mg 50ml	1	5000471004984	253-0368	873.15
MIRCERA (methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta)				
Pre Filled Syringe 30mcg/03 ml	1	5000471006926	342-4397	46.76
Pre Filled Syringe 50mcg/03 ml	1	5000471006797	330-8368	77.93
Pre Filled Syringe 75mcg/03 ml	1	5000471006803	330-8350	116.89
Pre Filled Syringe 100mcg/03 ml	1	5000471006742	330-8343	155.85
Pre Filled Syringe 120mcg/03 ml	1	5000471006933	342-4405	187.03
Pre Filled Syringe 150mcg/03 ml	1	5000471006759	330-8335	233.78
Pre Filled Syringe 200mcg/03 ml	1	5000471006766	330-8327	311.70
Pre Filled Syringe 250mcg/03 ml	1	5000471006773	330-8319	389.63
Pre Filled Syringe 360mcg/06 ml	1	5000471006940	342-4413	561.10
NEORECORMON PRE-FILLED SYRINGE (epoetin beta)				
Monodose presentations				
Syringe (500)	6	5000471005400	255-7056	23.39
Syringe (1000)	6	5000471005417	255-7064	46.76
Syringe (2000)	6	5000471005424	255-7072	93.52
Syringe (3000)	6	5000471005431	255-7080	140.28
Syringe (4000)	6	5000471005691	270-8873	187.04
Syringe (5000)	6	5000471005448	255-7098	233.80
Syringe (6000)	6	5000471005707	270-8865	280.56
Syringe (10,000)	6	5000471005455	255-7106	467.61
Syringe (20,000)	6	5000471006155	301-0311	935.23
Syringe (30,000)	4	5000471006162	304-0250	935.23
NEORECORMON CARTRIDGE FOR RECO-PEN (epoetin beta)				
Multidose presentations				
Cartridge (10,000)	1	5000471005479	244-0303	77.93
Cartridge (10,000)	3	5000471005486	244-0311	233.80
Cartridge (20,000)	1	5000471005493	244-0329	155.87
Cartridge (20,000)	3	5000471005509	244-0337	467.61
NEORECORMON MULTI-DOSE (epoetin beta)				
Vial 50,000 Multidose (plus 25 single use syringes & needles)	1	5000471005516	244-0287	389.68
Vial 100,000 Multidose (plus 15 single use syringes & needles)	1	5000471005523	244-0295	779.35
PEGASYS (pegylated interferon)				
Prefilled Syringe 135mcg 0.5ml	1	5000471006001	288-4856	114.39
Prefilled Syringe 180mcg 0.5ml	4	5000471006032	288-4849	528.24
TARCEVA (erlotinib)				
Tablets 25mg	30	5000471006544	328-7570	378.33
Tablets 100mg	30	5000471006551	317-6872	1324.14
Tablets 150mg	30	5000471006568	317-6880	1631.53
XELODA (capecitabine)				
Tablets 150 mg	60	5000471004991	276-8489	44.47
Tablets 500 mg	120	5000471005004	276-8497	295.06