

Multilex Bulletin – March 2010

The Multilex Bulletin is a list of changes made to the Multilex Drug Data File (Multilex DDF) over the month. It provides a quick reference to developments, including manufacturers' name changes, formulations added and discontinued, as well as helpful advance warnings of impending changes. You can also see the Bulletin at www.firstdatabank.co.uk

Manufacturers' Name Changes

Ovranette tablets

The product listed on Multilex DDF as 'Ovranette tablets' has been renamed 'Ovranette 150/30 tablets' in line with the manufacturer's name change.

Thalidomide Pharmion 50mg capsules

Celgene Ltd has changed the name of 'Thalidomide Pharmion' to 'Thalidomide Celgene'. The product record has been amended accordingly on Multilex DDF.

Other Changes

Beechams Flu Plus powders

The name of 'Beechams Flu Plus powders' is now listed on Multilex DDF under the two available flavours, in line with the manufacturer's current Summaries of Product Characteristics:

Beechams Flu Plus Hot Berry Fruits powder

Beechams Flu Plus Hot Lemon powder

FDBE recommends the use of 'Replacement Record' functionality to support the transition to the above new records.

Eumon 40XL modified release tablets

'Eumon XL 40mg modified release tablets' have been amended on Multilex DDF to 'Eumon XL 40mg tablets'. This change is to reflect the name as it appears on the Summary of Product Characteristics.

Ethinylestradiol and Norethisterone tablets

The theoretical generic names 'ethinylestradiol and norethisterone tablets 30micrograms + 1mg' and 'ethinylestradiol and norethisterone tablets 20micrograms + 1mg' have been changed to 'ethinylestradiol and norethisterone acetate tablets 30micrograms + 1mg' and 'ethinylestradiol and norethisterone acetate tablets 20micrograms + 1mg' to reflect the names used in the Summary of Product Characteristics for the brands Loestrin 30 and Loestrin 20.

Inhalers

Further to the advance notice provided each month since November 2009, FDBE has aligned formulations of dry-powder inhalers with the Dictionary of Medicines and Devices (dm+d) and other standard approved naming conventions as noted below:

- Products with a formulation of 'breath actuated dry powder inhaler' have been changed to a formulation of 'dry powder inhaler'.

- For brands with trademark formulations, such as: TURBOHALER, ACCUHALER, EVOHALER, etc. FDDB has moved the 'trademark' formulation to form part of the brand name and added the formulation to the full product description. For example, 'Flixotide Evohaler' has become 'Flixotide Evohaler cfc free inhaler'.

The majority of products have been changed during February 2010 and are listed below. A very small number of products will be changed during March 2010 – please refer to Advance Warnings for full details.

TURBOHALERS:

OXIS 12 TURBOHALER 12micrograms/actuation has been changed to OXIS 12 TURBOHALER dry powder inhaler 12micrograms/actuation

OXIS 6 TURBOHALER 6 micrograms/actuation has been changed to OXIS 6 TURBOHALER dry powder inhaler 6 micrograms/actuation

SYMBICORT TURBOHALER 100micrograms + 6micrograms/actuation has been changed to SYMBICORT TURBOHALER dry powder inhaler 100micrograms + 6micrograms/actuation

SYMBICORT TURBOHALER 200micrograms + 6micrograms/actuation has been changed to SYMBICORT TURBOHALER dry powder inhaler 200micrograms + 6micrograms/actuation

SYMBICORT TURBOHALER 400micrograms + 12micrograms/actuation has been changed to SYMBICORT TURBOHALER dry powder inhaler 400micrograms + 12micrograms/actuation

EVOHALERS:

FLIXOTIDE EVOHALER 125micrograms/actuation has been changed to FLIXOTIDE EVOHALER cfc free inhaler 125micrograms/actuation

FLIXOTIDE EVOHALER 250micrograms/actuation has been changed to FLIXOTIDE EVOHALER cfc free inhaler 250micrograms/actuation

FLIXOTIDE EVOHALER 50micrograms/actuation has been changed to FLIXOTIDE EVOHALER cfc free inhaler 50micrograms/actuation

SERETIDE 125 EVOHALER 25micrograms + 125micrograms/actuation has been changed to SERETIDE 125 EVOHALER cfc free inhaler 25micrograms + 125micrograms/actuation

SERETIDE 250 EVOHALER 25micrograms + 250micrograms/actuation has been changed to SERETIDE 250 EVOHALER cfc free inhaler 25micrograms + 250micrograms/actuation

SERETIDE 50 EVOHALER 25micrograms + 50micrograms/actuation has been changed to SERETIDE 50 EVOHALER cfc free inhaler 25micrograms + 50micrograms/actuation

ACCUHALERS:

SERETIDE 100 ACCUHALER has been changed to SERETIDE 100 ACCUHALER dry powder inhaler

SERETIDE 250 ACCUHALER has been changed to SERETIDE 250 ACCUHALER dry powder inhaler

SERETIDE 500 ACCUHALER has been changed to SERETIDE 500 ACCUHALER dry powder inhaler

SEREVENT ACCUHALER 50micrograms/actuation has been changed to SEREVENT ACCUHALER dry powder inhaler 50micrograms/actuation

NEBULES:

FLIXOTIDE NEBULES 2mg/2ml has been changed to FLIXOTIDE NEBULES unit dose nebulising suspension 2mg/2ml

FLIXOTIDE NEBULES 500micrograms/2ml has been changed to FLIXOTIDE NEBULES unit dose nebulising suspension 500micrograms/2ml

RESPONTIN NEBULES 250micrograms/ml has been changed to RESPONTIN NEBULES unit dose nebulising solution 250micrograms/ml

RESPONTIN NEBULES 500micrograms/2ml has been changed to RESPONTIN NEBULES unit dose nebulising solution 500micrograms/2ml

VENTOLIN NEBULES 2.5mg has been changed to VENTOLIN NEBULES unit dose nebulising solution 2.5mg

VENTOLIN NEBULES 5mg has been changed to VENTOLIN NEBULES unit dose nebulising solution 5mg

INTAL SPINCAPS has been changed to INTAL SPINCAPS inhalation powder capsules

Jobst Elvarex Class 2 Seamless Finger U2-A014

The name of 'Jobst Elvarex Class 2 seamless finger U2-A014' has been changed on Multilex DDF to 'Jobst Elvarex seamless finger U2-A014', and is now in line with the England & Wales Drug Tariff.

Single Trusses

To improve product coverage and to reflect dm+d more closely, the following products have been discontinued and replaced by left and right versions.

Femoral single spring truss

Inguinal single elastic band truss

Inguinal single spring truss

Inguinal rat-tail single spring truss

Scrotal single elastic band truss

Scrotal single spring truss

Umbilical single belt elastic band truss

Additionally, the brand products are now represented by left and right versions in all available sizes.

Sudafed nasal spray 0.1%

The product listed on Multilex DDF 'Sudafed Nasal Spray 0.1%' is now listed as 'Sudafed Non-Drowsy Decongestant Nasal Spray', in line with the manufacturer's current Summary of Product Characteristics and FDBE's Editorial Policy.

Sudafed Non-Drowsy tablets

Further to our Advance Warning last month, the name of 'Sudafed Non-Drowsy tablets' has been changed on Multilex DDF to 'Sudafed Non-Drowsy Decongestant tablets', in line with manufacturer's product information.

Synonyms

Further to the advance notice provided in November 2009, some synonyms have been removed from Multilex DDF and the previous synonym record suppressed. These 'suppressed' products will remain available to support patient medical records and provide ongoing clinical decision support. The products that have been discontinued are listed below.

For synonym products where the British Approved Name (BAN) is a co-name (for example, co-codamol), FD BE has been made aware that the BAN is not always included on the manufacturer's label or in the product information. For these products FD BE proposes to include the component ingredients in the name. See Advance Warnings for full details.

sal volatile solution

vasopressin injection 20 units/ml

chalk with opium bp 1988 mixture aromatic

whitfields ointment

friars balsam tincture

penicillin g injection 600mg/vial

bipp paste

calcium leucovorin injection (solution) 15mg/2ml

calcium leucovorin tablets 15mg

erythromycin suspension 125mg/5ml

erythromycin suspension 250mg/5ml

erythromycin suspension 500mg/5ml

Advance Warnings

Bricanyl 5mg/2ml respirator solution

During March 2010, 'Bricanyl 5mg/2ml respirator solution' will be renamed 'Bricanyl Respules 5mg/2ml unit dose nebuliser solution' on Multilex DDF to reflect the name on the Summary of Product Characteristics.

Hydrogel dressings

The following multiple pack hydrogel dressings are currently listed on Multilex DDF under separate products:

AquaForm hydrogel - 8g; 15g (2 records)

Cutmided gel - 8g; 15g; 25g (3 records)

Intrasite conformable – 7.5g; 15g; 30g (3 records)

Intrasite gel – 8g; 15g; 25g (3 records)

Iodoflex paste – 5g; 10g; 17g (3 records)

Iodosorb ointment – 10g; 20g (2 record)

Purilon gel – 8g; 15g (2 records)

To be in line with the dm+d, during March 2010 we will be amalgamating these into single records with the relevant pack sizes.

Inhalers

Further to the advance notice provided each month since November 2009, FD BE is aligning formulations of dry-powder inhalers with the dm+d and other standard approved naming conventions. The changes are summarised as follows:

- Products with a formulation of 'breath actuated dry powder inhaler' will be changed to a formulation of 'dry powder inhaler'.

- For brands with trademark formulations, such as: TURBOHALER, ACCUHALER, EVOHALER, etc. FDDE will move the 'trademark' formulation to form part of the brand name and add the formulation to the full product description. For example, 'Flixotide Accuhaler' will become 'Flixotide Accuhaler Dry Powder Inhaler'.

The majority of products have been changed – please refer to Other Changes – Inhalers for full details. For a very small number of products, it will be necessary to discontinue the record on Multilex DDF and replace it with a newly named record using the replacement record function. These products will be changed during March 2010 and are as follows:

ATROVENT AEROHALER 40mcg will be replaced by ATROVENT AEROHALER inhalation powder capsules with device 40mcg

ATROVENT AEROCAPS 40mcg will be replaced by ATROVENT AEROCAPS inhalation powder capsules 40mcg

ACCUHALERS:

FLIXOTIDE ACCUHALER 100micrograms/inhalation will be replaced by FLIXOTIDE ACCUHALER dry powder inhaler 100micrograms/inhalation

FLIXOTIDE ACCUHALER 250micrograms/actuation will be replaced by FLIXOTIDE ACCUHALER dry powder inhaler 250micrograms/actuation

FLIXOTIDE ACCUHALER 500micrograms/inhalation will be replaced by FLIXOTIDE ACCUHALER dry powder inhaler 500micrograms/inhalation

FLIXOTIDE ACCUHALER 50micrograms/actuation will be replaced by FLIXOTIDE ACCUHALER dry powder inhaler 50micrograms/actuation

VENTOLIN ACCUHALER 200micrograms/actuation will be replaced by VENTOLIN ACCUHALER dry powder inhaler 200micrograms/actuation

EVOHALERS:

VENTOLIN EVOHALER 100micrograms/inhalation will be replaced by VENTOLIN EVOHALER cfc free inhaler 100micrograms/inhalation

TURBOHALERS:

BRICANYL TURBOHALER 500micrograms will be replaced by BRICANYL TURBOHALER dry powder inhaler 500micrograms

Macrogol Compound NPF oral powder products

Following a recent change of representation on the dm+d of the Macrogol Compound NPF Oral Powder products, during March 2010 we will be replacing the current Macrogol Compound NPF theoretical generics on Multilex DDF to the following and re-linking the brands as appropriate:

Macrogol Compound NPF Oral Powder

Macrogol Compound NPF Sugar Free Oral Powder

Macrogol Compound NPF Half Strength Sugar Free Oral Powder

Synonyms

For synonym products where the British Approved Name (BAN) is a co-name (for example, co-codamol), FDBE has been made aware that the BAN is not always included on the manufacturer's label or in the product information. For these products FDBE proposes to include the component ingredients in the name as follows:

co-tenidone tablets 100mg + 25mg

will become

co-tenidone (atenolol and chlortalidone) tablets 100mg + 25mg

This change also informs the user of the strength of the individual ingredients while they are selecting a medication.

FDBE proposes to start making these changes in the monthly data updates you will receive from May 2010. FDBE welcomes your feedback on the proposed changes to synonyms. Due to the impact that these changes may have on prescribing practice, it is recommended that you consult your end-users for their feedback.

Please provide all feedback to FDBE by 19 March 2010.

Terbutaline 5mg/2ml respirator solution

The Multilex DDF theoretical generic 'Terbutaline 5mg/2ml respirator solution' will be renamed 'Terbutaline 5mg/2ml unit dose nebuliser solution' on Multilex DDF in line with the dm+d and the changes made by the manufacturer in the brand name.

General Information

None this month.

Please call Customer Services on 01392 440111 if you have any queries regarding these changes.