

March 2020

Not a month for Category M changes but some price rises are worthy of note as they might just trip someone up....

Before I get to the increases, the only drug with any reasonable volume of use is atomoxetine which continues a slow downward drift. However, it's a very slow rate of decrease - pennies per month - only amounting to around 0.5% and most strengths remain around £50 for 28

Still in Chapter 4 and aripiprazole 30mg tablets (the commonly used non-Category M strength) seems to have stabilised at around 1386 for 28 tablets. That's up 4p this month.

Now those increases....

Levothyroxine sodium 125micrograms/5ml oral solution sugar free (100ml) is up £100 to £185 for 100ml

Phosphates enema (Formula B) 128ml standard tube are up 7-fold from just under £4 to just under £28 (each!)

Pramipexole is expensive - beware

Triamterene 50mg / Chlortalidone 50mg tablets (28) (not Dyazide but similar) up 11-fold from just under £10 to £117

All being well, back next month with the new Financial Year's Category M changes.