



MEDICINE SHORTAGE NEWS

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HEADLINES FROM OUR BLOG



NEW DUTCH REGULATIONS TO ALLEVIATE DRUG SHORTAGES



DUTCH GOVERNMENT HAS PUBLISHED REGULATIONS



- **Specifying that 2- and 5/8 months of reserve medication will be needed for most prescription drugs from January 1, 2023.**





COMMUNITY PHARMACY NI EMERGENCY MEETING ON MEDICINE SHORTAGES

COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS IN NORTHERN IRELAND CONVENED AN EMERGENCY MEETING

- **Community Pharmacists calling for an immediate and substantial injection of funding to address the current medicine shortage crisis.**





REFORMS TO NHS TECH AGENDA SPEED UP



NHS TO MERGE NHS DIGITAL WITH NHS ENGLAND

The merger, which was first announced in September 2020, will now take place in January 2023.

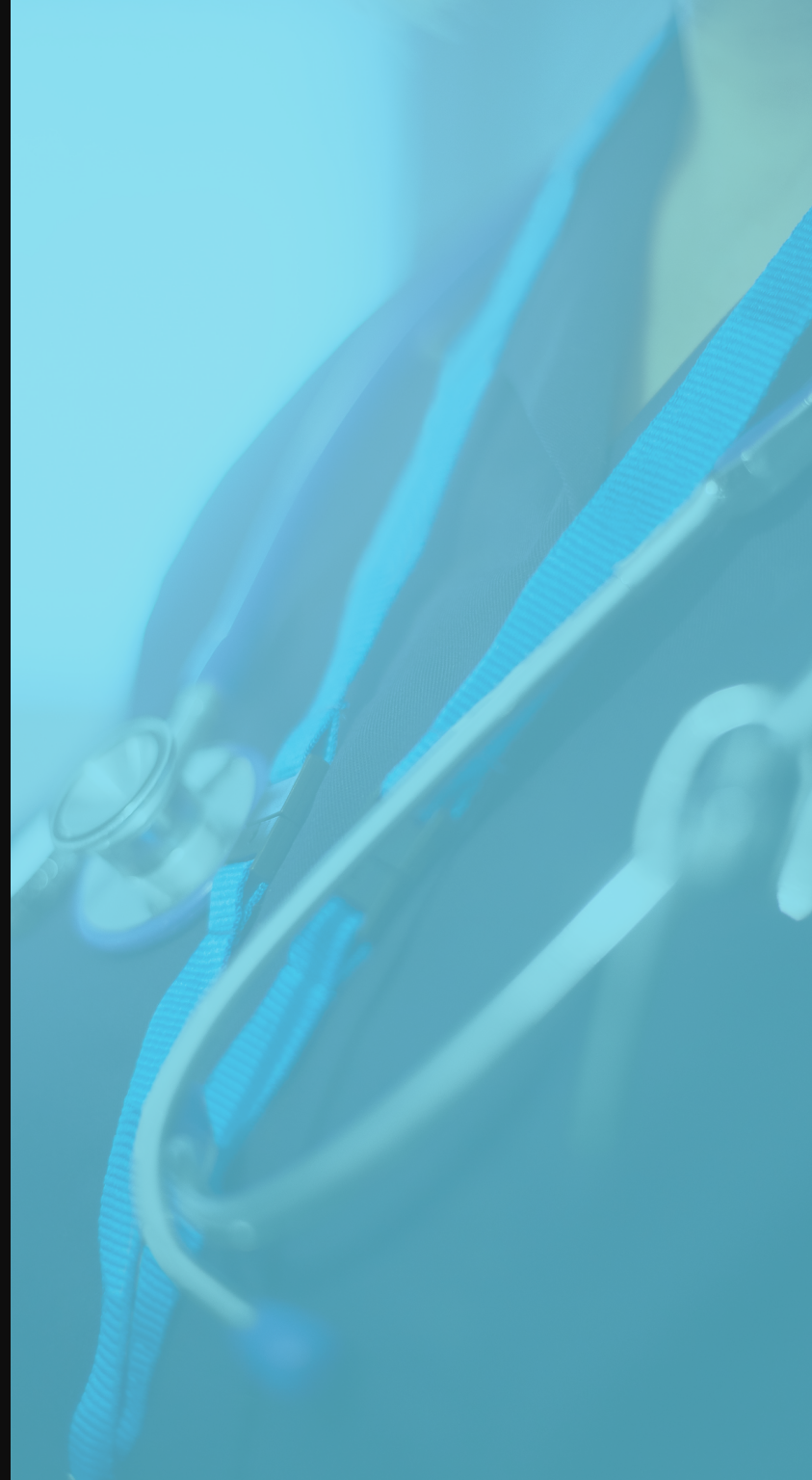
The aim of the merger is to streamline data sharing across the NHS, improve patient care, and drive efficiencies within the health service.





VOLUNTARY SCHEME FOR BRANDED MEDICINES PENALISING DRUG COMPANIES

At least two drug companies have privately warned ministers that they will cease or curtail operations in the UK unless they are spared what industry leaders have dubbed a “penalising” levy designed to limit the NHS’s medicines bill.





FRENCH SENATE URGES COMMISSION TO FOCUS ON MEDICINE PRICES



HEALTH SOVEREIGNTY AND SHORTAGES



- The goal of the EU's pharmaceutical strategy, which the European Commission adopted in November 2020, is to structure the bloc's pharmaceutical industry, by pushing research, innovation and fair access to medicines for all patients.
- The current system for determining medicine prices is not transparent and does not take into account the different research and production costs between companies, according to the French Senate's European Affairs Committee.



**EMA FOUND THAT 40% OF MEDICINES
MARKETED IN THE EU COME FROM
OUTSIDE THE EU, WHILE THE NUMBER OF
MANUFACTURERS FOR MEDICINES
OUTSIDE THE EU, MAINLY FROM CHINA
AND PAKISTAN, IS EVEN HIGHER (80%)**

PHARMACISTS ADVOCATE FOR EQUAL ACCESS TO MEDICINES IN EU



- **Breaking Down Barriers to Treatment Access.**
- **The European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP) key policy priorities for the 2022/23 year is to provide equal and timely access for all patients to all relevant medicinal therapies**

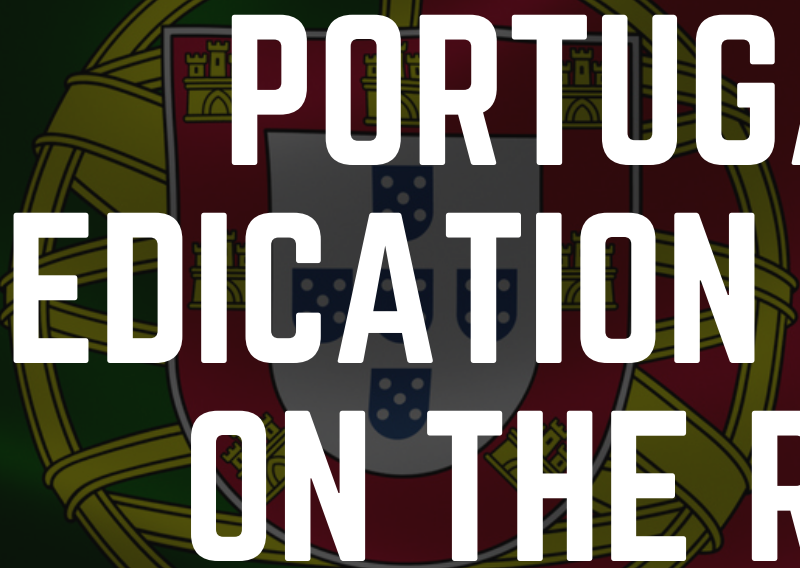




THE EUROPEAN UNION'S NEW REGULATION ON MEDICINE SHORTAGES

**Provides the EMA with a tool for
monitoring medicines supply and
preventing shortages in the event
of a future pandemic**





PORTUGAL: MEDICATION PRICES ON THE RISE



PRICE INCREASES

**Medication prices in
Portugal could get
more expensive as
current prices no
longer cover
production costs.**



RUSSIA: GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO COMBAT A SHORTAGE OF ANTI-HIV DRUGS



RUSSIAN MEDIA REPORTED SHORTAGE OF TIVICAY- AN ANTI-HIV DRUG FROM THE UK'S GLAXOSMITHKLINE (GSK)



- **Russian government is planning to take measures to prevent a shortage of anti-HIV drugs in the country by increasing procurements and supplies to the domestic market.**
- **As part of this plan, procurement procedures will be streamlined and more active efforts will be made to supply drugs to the domestic market. Additionally, pharmacies will be provided with additional funding to increase their stocks of HIV medications.**



FRANCE GIVES PHARMACISTS NEW VACCINATION POWERS



GOVERNMENT INCREASES PAYMENT MADE TO PHARMACISTS FOR DELIVERING VACCINES

**pharmacists in France will be
incentivised to provide a wide
range of vaccines to children
and adults**

**The move is expected to come
into force in the first quarter of
2023. It follows a growing trend
across Europe since the
pandemic, during which
pharmacists gained valuable
vaccination experience**





WALGREENS CHANGES THE WAY IT RANKS ITS PHARMACISTS



WALGREENS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT IS CHANGING THE WAY IT RATES ITS PHARMACISTS.

- **The old system of task-based metrics will be replaced with a new system that focuses on patient care and outcomes.**
- **The new system of evaluation will focus on behaviors that support patient care and enhance the patient experience.**

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