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Patients in Need Drug Shortage

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Medicine supply chain issues; fuels abuse towards pharmacists UK

The UK's healthcare system is facing a shortage of medicines and pharmacy staff are at the center. The report by PSNC found that there has been rise in abuse towards pharmacists due to supply chain issues, which can be attributed partly because they're overworked as well informed technicians with limited training on how workflows change when new drugs come out or expire.

The survey found that drug shortages have been causing extra workload and stress for staff, with 75% of pharmacies reporting abuse from patients as a result. Drug Shortages were making it difficult to serve the public without adequate supply. The shortage of staff is forcing some pharmacies to reduce their opening hours and cut back on services or advice they offer patients.

The cost of living has been a major player in the rise and fall for many small businesses. With 80% reporting that they are finding it more difficult than last year, 1 out 5 pharmacists say their profits have decreased because there's just too much stock needed on hand at all times.





Critical Drug Shortages in Tunisia



Tunisia's health authorities are warning that some drugs used to treat serious medical conditions, such as heart disease and cancer have become scarce due in part by lower supplies from global firms.

The high cost of raw materials also plays a significant role when it comes producing these types of medication within their own country; but one reason may be even more alarming than what's happening with supply chains- Some doctors say there simply isn't enough education about how best prescribe them.



Sri Lanka 40% price increase for medicine & acute shortages

Pharmaceutical prices have been raised for the second time in six weeks in the crisis-hit Sri Lanka.

The Sri Lankan government has raised prices for commonly used drugs by 40% as it faces its worst economic crisis since independence. The country is struggling to import medicines due in part from a lack of dollars, which will make these higher costs even more difficult on an already poverty-stricken population.

The Health Minister has announced new prices for 60 commonly used drugs following an acute shortage. See details here- [Retail Prices of Medicines](#)



Sri Lanka

The government is struggling to import drugs because it has run out of dollars in its reserves while private sector firms say they are unable bring the medication into country as there's no way for them without opening letter-of credit amid shortage on currency exchange.

THE SRI LANKAN ECONOMY, WHICH HAD BEEN GROWING AT AN IMPRESSIVE RATE OF 7-8% PER YEAR FOR DECADES HAS NOW OFFICIALLY ENTERED A STATE CALLED "DEBT SUSPENSION." THE COUNTRY'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) WILL NO LONGER BE INCREASING DUE TO THE LACK FOREIGN CURRENCY RESERVES AND DEBTS OWED BY BOTH DOMESTIC COMPANIES AS WELL INTERNATIONAL ONES LIKE CHINA.

IN A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO PREVENT AN OUTBREAK OF DISEASE, MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS HAVE APPEALED FROM DONORS AND SRI LANKAN EXPATRIATES. REPORTS INDICATE THAT HOSPITALS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE STRUGGLING WITH INSUFFICIENT DRUGS FOR PATIENTS WHO NEED THEM ATTENDS THEIR APPOINTMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

HOSPITALS' PHARMACISTS WERE AUTHORIZED BY LAW LAST YEAR BUT ONLY AFTER MUCH DELAY DUE IN LARGE PART BECAUSE THERE WASN'T ENOUGH SUPPLY AVAILABLE ON DOMESTIC MARKETPLACES OR EVEN INTERNATIONALLY WHERE MANY TREATMENTS MUST BE IMPORTED THESE DAYS

IN SRI LANKA, A FREE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IS AVAILABLE TO ALL CITIZENS. THE GOVERNMENT RUNS STATE-RUN HOSPITALS WHERE MOST MEDICINES ARE GIVEN WITHOUT COST AND PATIENTS CAN GET WHAT THEY NEED AT NO CHARGE IF IT'S AN ESSENTIAL DRUG THAT HASN'T BEEN STOCKED IN THE PHARMACY YET. HOWEVER THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF PRIVATE PHARMACIES RUNNING OUT DUE THEIR LACK STOCK SO PEOPLE WILL NEED CASH OR ELSE BUY SOMETHING ELSE INSTEAD

THE PRICE HIKE ALSO COMES AFTER NEARLY 75 PERCENT DEPRECIATION IN THE RUPEE CURRENCY. THE ISLAND NATION IMPORTS MOST OF ITS MEDICINES. (COLOMBO/APRIL30/2022)

Critical drug shortages Zimbabwe

The pharmaceutical industry in this country is struggling to keep up with demand.

It was not long ago that there were talks of an export-boosting policy, but now it seems like they might have been premature - the supply has nearly dried out entirely.

The government's protectionist policies in the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry appear to be backfiring as there is now an ongoing shortage of critical drugs, further crippling the failing health delivery system. The Zimbabwe Independent has revealed that drugs, such as Ceftriaxone are in short supply. Ceftriaxone is a strong antibiotic that can treat bacterial infections, including severe or life-threatening forms such as E coli.

Children of Lebanon facing health crisis

The future of an entire generation of children is at stake - UN warns children of Lebanon facing 'health crisis'

The United Nations is warning that children in Lebanon are facing an "health crisis," due to the near-warring conditions between their government and Israel. The U.N says if this continues then it could have lasting effects on future generations of Lebanese people - especially those who live close together or come into contact often with radiation from weapons strikes like rockets which emit high levels constant threat situations may cause cancer later down life.

Lebanon has been facing a health crisis as vaccine rates have dropped by more than 30%. The United Nations criticized the lack of vaccinations in Lebanon, which is causing problems with basic medical services like providing enough drugs for doctors to work properly or even having trained professionals available at all times because so many are leaving their country due too visa violations that it's difficult anymore when you need someone who speaks English language