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Recent changes in pharmaceutical policy measures and developments in pharmaceutical expenditure

Major changes in pharmaceutical policy in 2012-2013

Pricing

· Price changes:

"1,95% measure" (01/04/2012 & 01/04/2013):
Price cuts on products of choice/all products saving = 1,95% sales year-2

- Price freezes maintained in 2012-2013
- Review reimbursement level of PPI (01/06/2012) & C08/C09A/C09B/N06A (01/05/2013)
- Managed-entry agreements:

2012: BENLYSTA - BRILIQUE - INCIVO - JEVTANA - PRADAXA 110 mg & 150 mg (prevention CVA/SE) - YERVOY - ZYTIGA
2013: XARELTO – ZELBORAF

• Disconnection generic – reference (after admission)(2012)

Reimbursement

• Reference price system changes (methodology)(01/04/2012):

fully reimbursed pharmaceuticals: reimbursement level is reduced with 41% (instead of 31%) "exceptions": reimbursement level is reduced but only with half of the percentage

- New reimbursement category "F" for EPOs (price ≠ reimbursement level)(01/09/2012)
- "cheapest pharmaceuticals" rule for INN prescriptions (01/04/2012)

Other changes

Mandatory substitution to "cheapest pharmaceuticals" for antibiotics/antimycotics (01/04/2012)

Outlook

Reform pricing system for pharmaceuticals dispensed to elderly people in rest and nursing homes (outpatient sector)(end of 2013)

Impact of measures and evaluation

Prescription quota for "cheap" medicines are obtained

Individual feedback prescription profile ("cheap" medicines)

85 % pharmaceuticals are "cheapest" (out-patient)



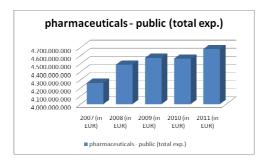


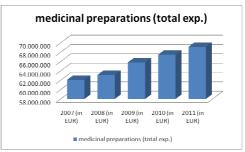


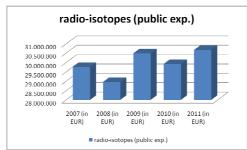
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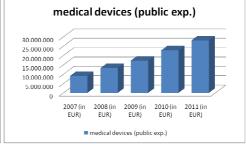
Development of pharmaceutical expenditure in the last 5 available years

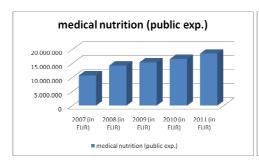
Out-patient sector

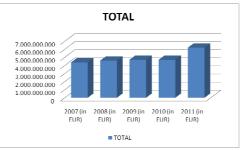






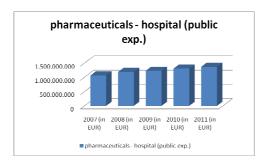






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Total market: no data available