



The Netherlands

Recent and planned developments in pharmaceutical policies 2017

Special topic: e-health for medicines launched by public authorities or addressing them

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CHANGES IN PRICING

No changes in pricing



CHANGES IN REIMBURSEMENT

The Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports has started to investigate the possibilities to recalculate the reimbursement limits of some groups of medicines in the reimbursement system GVS (Internal Reference Pricing) based on the number of available "me toos" in The Netherlands. It is still under discussion.

The regulation for expensive hospital medicines and medicines which have effect on the blood coagulation has changed since 1 January 2017. Care providers have to register these medicines with brand, strength **and indication** on the invoice to the Health Care Insurer.

OTHER CHANGES

The KNMP (The Royal Dutch Pharmacists Association) has started an educational and information programme for functionally illiterate persons at the end of 2016. This programme consists of a card with icons which explains how medicines are taken and a website that offers tools to understand difficult words in the case of using medicines. The KNMP also launched 24 short films with the explanation of how to use medicines in sign language in December 2016.



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E-HEALTH FOR MEDICINES LAUNCHED BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES OR ADDRESSING THEM



APP RECEPTPRIJS

Measure: App for mobile devices with lists of medicines (inpatient and outpatient) and their reimbursement status.

Provided by: The National Health Care Institute (Zorginstituut Nederland).

Aim: This app helps to find up-to-date information about the prices of medicines, the reimbursement status, the maximum reimbursement and the possible alternatives of a medicine if it isn't reimbursed.

Target group: patients and medical professionals who prescribe medicines.



APP FARMACOTHERAPEUTISCH KOMPAS

Measure: App for mobile devices to use as a reference book for medical professionals.

Provided by: The National Health Care Institute (Zorginstituut Nederland).

Aim: This app helps to find up-to-date information about registered medicines in The Netherlands like indications, pharmaceutical forms, dosages, side effects etc.

Target group: Doctors, Pharmacists, Dentists, Nurses etc.



APP GNMVERKEER (medicines and traffic)

Measure: App for mobile devices to use as a support for medical professionals.

Provided by: The Royal Dutch Pharmacists Association (KNMP)

Aim: This app helps to find information about medicines which affect one's driving ability.

Target group: Doctors, Pharmacists but also patients.



PAEDIATRIC FORMULARY

Measure: Website www.kinderformularium.nl to use as a support for medical professionals.

Provided by: Dutch knowledge bank of pharmacotherapy for children (NKFK) Co-funded by the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports.

Aim: This paediatric formulary helps to find independent information on the use of medicines, dosages, interactions etc. for children.

Target group: Doctors, Pharmacists.