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Norwegian Medicines Agency

Major reforms from 2007 till now

- New database for information on pharmaceutical products – 2008
- Unit for information towards health personnel and patients established - 2008
- First ePrescription-pilot – 2008
- Revised reimbursement scheme – March 2008

Current and planned measures

- Providing electronic information for ePrescription in hospitals
- Campaigns to improve understanding of generic substitution and preferred product.

Current pharmaceutical pricing and reimbursement system (as of 2/2009)

Pricing

- Price regulation on Rx.
- On patent segment: Pharmacy Purchase Price set by reference to similar packages in other West-European countries.
- Pharmacy mark-up regulated.
- Off patent segment: stepped price model sets pharmacy retail price.
- Standard VAT-rate on pharmaceuticals (25 %)

Reimbursement

- Reimbursement is linked to a defined list of serious diseases
- The disease to last at least 3 months/year
- The treatment must be documented cost-effective
- Preferred drug regime in place
- Out-of-pocket-payment: Max. 36 % per prescription. Max. 216 € per year.

