

IPR & Innovation

Iroko Pharma receives US patent for Zorvolex to treat mild to moderate acute pain & osteoarthritis pain, Pharmabiz.com

Iroko Pharmaceuticals, LLC, a global specialty pharmaceutical company dedicated to advancing the science of analgesia, has received patent from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for the composition of matter covering Zorvolex (diclofenac) capsules 18 mg or 35 mg to treat mild to moderate acute pain and osteoarthritis

Romaco to unveil innovative solutions for granulation, coating, tableting at Achema 2015 Pharmabiz.com

A leading global supplier of processing and packaging equipment, predominantly for the pharmaceutical industry, Romaco Group at the upcoming Achema 2015 in Frankfurt will show end-to-end solutions for granulation and coating, tableting and primary and secondary packaging.

Romaco will additionally unveil a blister line with an integrated anti-counterfeiting system which enables

Vomaris Announces Unveiling of Novel Biofilm Research on Electroceutical Wound Dressing with Advance, The Telegraph

In-vivo and in-vitro biofilm disruption, improved wound re-epithelialization and health economics data presented at Symposium on Advanced Wound Care

TEMPE, Arizona , May 4, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Procellera® from Vomaris Innovations, Inc. (now available through Arthrex as JumpStart™) - the only antimicrobial wound dressing powered by Advanced Microcurrent.....

App for the doc, The Hindu

Here's a new smartphone application that lets doctors manage patient records through their mobile phones.

Do away with prescription pads. And the often illegible handwriting of the pre-occupied physician. Because now, like everything else, medical requirements too can be met with a few taps on an app.

Meet Mobydoctor, the new app

Access to Healthcare

Mylan launches hepatitis-C Sovaldi tablets in India, The Economic Times

HYDERABAD: Pharma giant Mylan NV today said its subsidiary Mylan Pharmaceuticals has launched Gilead Sciences' Sovaldi (sofosbuvir 400mg tablets) in the country.

Sovaldi is used for the treatment of chronic hepatitis-C infection as a component of a combination anti-viral treatment.

It is estimated that around 12 million people are chronically infected with...

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'Leprosy treatment must be inclusive', [Deccan Herald](#)

Treatment of leprosy has been clubbed with the general health care system to make it accessible and remove the stigma attached to the disease, the Centre told Supreme Court.

Rejecting the court's suggestion to set up a specialised leprosy cure centre for medication follow ups, the Union Health Ministry said in...

The Medical City Improves Patient-Centric Care Through Partnership with Orion Health, [The Telegraph](#)

SINGAPORE , May 4, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Orion Health -- an independently owned eHealth software company delivering interoperable solutions for healthcare facilities, organisations and regions -- has partnered with The Medical City (TMC) to improve patient-centric care through the implementation of Orion's solutions amongst the TMC enterprise.

Health care card launched for students in Punjab, [Business Standard](#)

Punjab government today introduced a digitised health-care card for all school students in the state which will make them eligible for free treatment of 30 life-threatening diseases.

Punjab Health and Family Welfare Minister Surjit Kumar Jayani today introduced this comprehensive full profile digitised health care card.

Ethics & Compliance

NPPA issues warning to drug companies, [The Hindu](#)

With just 41 out of top 100 pharma firms responding to its direction to register for online database, drug price regulator NPPA has warned to take action if the rest of the companies did not comply with its order immediately.

National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) had asked all pharma firms to....

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Easy access to drugs online encouraging self-diagnosis?, [Hindustan Times](#)

Priyanka Vora and Aishwarya Iyer, Hindustan Times, Mumbai

The presence of medicines for sale on online platforms has increased the practice of self-diagnosis, said doctors who have witnessed a surge in patients having side-effects from drugs they bought without a prescription.

Get the diagnosis right, [The Hindu Business Line](#)

Snapdeal is only a symptom of a bigger regulatory problem

E-commerce is once again in the news for the wrong reasons, with Maharashtra's Food and Drugs Administration filing an FIR against the CEO of Snapdeal for facilitating the sale of prescription drugs. So, is an aggregator responsible for the quality of...

Maha FDA urges DCGI to take action against online sale of prescription drugs, [Pharmabiz.com](#)

Following Maharashtra Food and Drug Administration (FDA) raid on e-commerce site Snapdeal's office and subsequent filing of FIR against the company's directors at the Panvel police station in Raigad district for online sale of prescription drugs, the state regulator has now asked the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) to...

Online sale of drugs under regulator CDSCO's scanner, [MoneyControl](#)

CDSCO is looking into the matter a few days after a complaint was filed against Snapdeal for selling prescription drugs online by FDA.

The Central Drug Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) has ordered strict measures against the selling of prescription drugs online and has asked state controllers to keep a check on..

Doctors sound alert on skin-cream fallout, [The Telegraph](#)

New Delhi, May 4: An association of doctors has asked India's health ministry to take steps to curb what it says is widespread abuse of medicated skin creams that is driving an epidemic of side-effects ranging from annoying acne to serious facial damage.

Members of the association met health officials and

CVC discloses what health ministry preferred to keep under wraps: Stalled corruption investigations, [Business Standard](#)

The Central Vigilance Commission has disclosed what the health ministry wanted to keep under wraps before the High Court of Delhi and has kept from the Parliament so far. It has given a complete status report on all the pending corruption and vigilance investigations that are on-going in AIIMS, India's.....

Siemens, Philips, GE medical devices units face bribery probe in China, [The Economic Times](#)

SHANGHAI: Chinese regulators are investigating units of foreign medical device companies including Germany's Siemens, Dutch firm Philips and General Electric of the US for bribery, Bloomberg News reported on Monday.

The State Administration for Industry and Commerce (SAIC) and other regulators last year opened initial investigations into the companies' Chinese health-care....

Medical & Regulatory

12 cancer drugs may come under price control, [The Indian Express - Mumbai](#)

IN A move that could bring relief to thousands of cancer patients, the pharmaceutical pricing authority has recommended the inclusion of 12 drugs used to treat a range of life-threatening conditions, from leukaemia to breast cancer, in the National List of Essential Medicines NLEM . If the National

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Who decides how much my Crocin will cost?, [Yahoo! India](#)

A month ago, the government raised the price of 500-odd essential drugs by 3.84 percent. Is it a fair rise, and does it ultimately benefit the consumer? Is controlling the prices of all drugs sold in India which the government is considering a good plan? A manufacturer of

Glenmark receives tentative US FDA approval for psoriasis drug, [Business Standard](#)

Glenmark Pharmaceuticals has received tentative approval for calcipotriene cream, 0.005% - the therapeutic equivalent of Dovonex topical cream manufactured by Leo Pharma from the US Food & Drug Administration (US FDA)

Glenmark will market this product upon receiving final approval of its calcipotriene cream, 0.005% ANDA. The patents listed in....

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US FDA approves Tuzistra XR to treat adults with cold and cough, [Pharmabiz.com](#)

Vernalis plc, is a revenue generating, commercial stage pharmaceutical company with significant expertise in drug development, and Tris Pharma Inc. is a specialty pharmaceutical company, announce that the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the New Drug Application (NDA) for Tuzistra XR (codeine polistirex and chlorpheniramine polistirex) extended-release

US FDA issues proposed rule to address data gaps for certain active ingredients in health care antisepsis, [Pharmabiz.com](#)

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a proposed rule requesting additional scientific data to support the safety and effectiveness of certain active ingredients used in health care antiseptics marketed under the over-the-counter (OTC) drug monograph.

Health care antiseptics are an important component of infection control strategies in hospitals,

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National Health Portal gives citizens new lease of life, [India Today](#)

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Fortis clinical trials workshop discusses progress in regulations & lingering concerns,

[Pharmabiz.com](#)

Lack of clarity about the recent clinical trial regulations is hampering new research projects, pushing some of them to other countries, stated experts at the Fortis Healthcare clinical trials workshop.

The Department of Academics and Research, Fortis Healthcare headed by Prof Upendra Kaul, organized a one of its kind workshop to.....

AP locates 20,000 untraceable HIV patients, seek more funds from centre to rehabilitate them, Pharmabiz.com

The AIDS Control Society of Andhra Pradesh has found that 20,000 HIV infected patients out of a total of 95,000 were lost with no contacts during the past few years. As part of improving the healthcare services, the AP government asked for more funds from the Central government and had...

Systems of medicine, [The Hindu](http://TheHindu)

There is a strong case for the scientific validation of products of traditional systems of medicine, given that there is a proliferation of pseudo-Ayurvedic and other herbal medicines in the market claiming to promote good health and other benefits (Editorial, May 4). Helpless patients, who are dissatisfied with....