

## Israel

### Recent and planned developments in pharmaceutical policies 2015

#### Pre-launch activities: horizon scanning and forecasting

D E V E L O P M E N T S	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Changes in pricing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No changes</li> <li>• There is a thinking process at the Ministry of Health to deal with challenges of low price medicines ,as well as with high cost pharmaceuticals.</li> <li>• The last annual update took place at 01.12.2014.</li> <li>• It seems that the prices will be updated at the middle of the year according to high fluctuation at the exchange rates (last not December update was at 2010).</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Changes in reimbursement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No changes</li> <li>• Annual decision of Public Committee in closed budget.</li> <li>• Co – Payments: as percentage of the public maximum price including VAT (15% or 10% for generic medicine).</li> </ul>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Other changes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>OTC</u> – the Ministry of Health is developing a tool that will help the patients to compare drug prices as well as to encourage knowledgeable consumption and the competition between the pharmaceutical companies.</li> <li>• <u>No reference prices medicine</u> – there are around 180 medicines that we could not set any price for them and we trying to change the policy so we can set some maximum price for this group of drugs.</li> <li>• <u>GSL</u> – we are planning to set a control pricing for that group of drugs, today there is no pricing regulation on this market.</li> </ul>	
S P E C I A L T O P I C	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pre-launch pharmaceutical policies: Horizon scanning and forecasts</b></p> <p>The Ministry of Health is having a process of "open gates" every year between January and March for everyone who wants to be part of the discussion. Interested organizations are submitted to collect and transfer all the needed information about the new medicines they want the committee to discuss. All the received information gathered by the Medical Technologies Authority at the Ministry of Health.</p> <p>In general, there is no official process of horizon scanning. However, the Public Basket Committee includes members from all the HMO's, that's why they must understand well the reality to influence the decisions of the Committee and the experience shows that they make an effort to be ready for the discussions.</p>	