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George F. Archambault : First pharmacy liaison officer for the United States Public Health Service and considered the "father of consultant pharmacy"

Friedrich Sertürner : He was a German pharmacist, who discovered morphine in 1804 .

NEWS DIGEST

Cancer vaccine could use immune system to fight tumors

Cincinnati Cancer Center (CCC) and UC Cancer Institute researchers have found that a vaccine, targeting tumors that produce a certain protein and receptor responsible for communication between cells and the body's immune system, could initiate the immune response to fight cancer .

Novartis extends leadership in clinical trial data transparency

Novartis has announced additional steps to extend its leadership in clinical trial data transparency. Since 2005, and before requirements were in place, Novartis has been voluntarily disclosing summaries of Clinical Study Reports of its innovative medicines on its own website. In addition, the company is committed to enhancing Clinical Study Report summaries for all new pivotal studies to include easy to understand consumer language summaries and additional interpretation of data as of the end of 2014.

Maha FDA to set up five drug testing labs for effective drug recall

The Maharashtra Food Drugs and Administration (FDA) will establish five new drug testing laboratories at Amravati, Kolhapur, Thane, Nagpur and Pune to test the quality standards of the pharmaceutical products manufactured in the state

GSK increases stake in Indian Pharmaceuticals subsidiary to 75 %

GlaxoSmithKline plc (LSE:GSK) announced that, following the voluntary Open Offer undertaken by its subsidiary, GlaxoSmithKline Pte Ltd, GSK has successfully increased its stake in its publicly-listed pharmaceuticals subsidiary in India (GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Limited), from 50.7% to 75%. GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Limited will remain publicly-listed. David Redfern, Chief Strategy Officer, GSK said: "We are very pleased with the outcome of this transaction, which further increases our exposure to a strategically important market. It is a significant vote of confidence in the future growth prospects of our Pharmaceuticals business in India and underlines GSK's long-standing commitment to the country."



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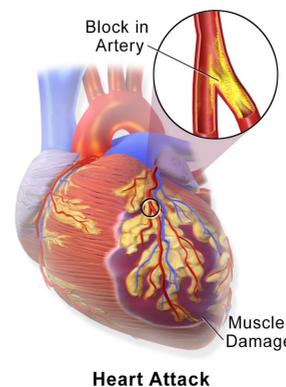


Scientists unlock potential heart attack

Melbourne scientists are a step closer to creating a new drug to stop a heart attack in its tracks and reduce the damage caused, without any side effects.

a team of scientists combining molecular pharmacology and

medicinal chemistry to reveal new insights into a specific protein belonging to the family of G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs). After successfully combining two molecules, they are a step closer to creating a brand new class of drug that is more targeted and could possess minimal side effects.



Psychological side-effects of anti-depressants worse than thought

A University of Liverpool researcher has shown that thoughts of suicide, sexual difficulties and emotional numbness as a result of anti-depressants may be more widespread than previously thought. In a survey of 1,829 people who had been prescribed anti-depressants, the researchers found large numbers of people - over half in some cases - reporting on psychological problems due to their medication, which has led to growing concerns about the scale of the problem of over-prescription of these drugs.



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