

# Content of N4 Bulletin, 2016

## + REGULATORY NEWS

- **DEATH RISK WITH OFF-LABEL ORAL KETOCONAZOLE USE, FDA WARNS**  
Robert Lowes
- **FDA WARNS AGAINST THE USE OF HOMEOPATHIC TEETHING TABLETS AND GELS**

## + DRUGS SAFETY

- **DRUG-INDUCED HAIR LOSS**
- **ONDANSETRON AND PREGNANCY: POSSIBLE CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS**
- **FLUOROQUINOLONES: AORTIC ANEURISM AND DISSECTION**  
Serious adverse effects discovered after decades of widespread use
- **DIETHYLSTILBESTROL (DES): ALSO HARMS THE THIRD GENERATION**

## + THE INTERESTING FACTS

- **FDA ALLOWS MARKETING OF COOLING CAP TO REDUCE HAIR LOSS DURING CHEMOTHERAPY**
- **NEW DRUG CAPSULE DELIVERS MEDICINE FOR WEEKS AFTER SWALLOWING**
- **DRINK WATER ONLY WHEN YOU WANT, SPECIALISTS ASSURE**
- **FIRST CASES OF *CANDIDA AURIS* REPORTED IN UNITED STATES**

## + EVIDENCE BASED MEDICINES

- **“WEAK” OPIOID ANALGESICS**  
Codeine, dihydrocodeine and tramadol: no less risky than morphine

## + PRACTICAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- **PROGESTOGENS AND PREVENTION OF PRETERM BIRTH IN WOMEN IN RISK**  
Evaluation results too heterogeneous to justify exposing women and children to these drugs