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THE LONG JOURNEY OF WEGOVY

Between demand and shortage

Since it began to be marketed in Andorra, the drug has been conditioned by stock



Wegovy is a prescription drug for weight loss.

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Wegovy, a prescription weight loss medication, has been available in Andorra since May, but always subject to stock availability. The high demand since its arrival in the country has caused this product to disappear from many pharmacies shortly after its introduction. This situation was exacerbated by the limitation of access to Ozempic, another drug that some people mistakenly used to lose weight, since this is for people with Diabetes, making Wegovy an alter-

native for many people.

Currently, demand remains high, which means that some pharmacies do not have the medication. This was assured by the Tristaina pharmacy: "The truth is that once again we are out of stock of Wegovy." In other establishments, such as the Galeno pharmacy, this drug is only dispensed on demand to ensure that there is always enough stock.

The high demand for Wegovy also comes from neighboring countries, such as Spain. Some Spanish patients take advantage of their trips to Andor-

ra to buy this medicine, since if you have a prescription, you can purchase the medicine. "As long as there is a prescription, we can dispense it," the Tristaina pharmacy reminds us.

A tourist and consumer of this drug, Carla Martínez, explained to this media outlet that she takes advantage of her visits to Andorra to buy the medicine "I mainly buy it here because it is a little cheaper than in Spain." In Andorra, the price of Wegovy ranges from 180 euros for the lowest doses (0.25 mg, 0.5 mg and 1 mg) to 293 euros for the highest (2.5 mg). In

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179.89 EUROS

The 0.25 mg, 0.5 mg and 1 mg doses of Wegovy cost 179.89 euros.

233 EUROS

The intermediate dose of the drug is 1.7mg and costs 232.87 euros.

292.03 EUROS

The highest dose of Wegovy is 2.5 mg and can be purchased for a cost of 292.03 euros.

Spain, the lowest doses have a similar cost, but the 2.5 mg ones reach approximately 300 euros.

THE OZEMPIC FEVER // Although the availability of Ozempic has improved in recent months, some pharmacies continue to have stock problems. The Galeno pharmacy, for example, stated that they have recently experienced difficulties in obtaining supplies of this product again.

According to the Andorran Diabetic Association, the situation with Ozempic has stabilized significantly, «this drug is now limited only to diabetic patients,» the association emphasizes. In addition, they point out that some pharmacies that already know the cases of their customers reserve the necessary doses to ensure that they can have them when they need them. ●

24TH EDITION

The Encamp Snow School starts with a historic record number of participants

With 202 registered, the activity offers 11 weekends of skiing and inclusive promotion

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The 24th edition of the Encamp Snow School kicked off this weekend, breaking records with 202 registered, which is the largest number of participants to date. «We have 170 registered from the Encamp sector and 32 from the Pas de la Casa sector. We are very happy» declared the Minister of Finance, Sports and Economic Reactivation of Encamp, Niño Marot. Young people between the ages of 4 and 17 will enjoy from January 11th to March 23rd, that is, for 11 weekends, classes in the specialty they have chosen: alpine skiing, freestyle or snowboarding. It should be remembered that the initiative has the support of the Grandvalira snow school, a company that provides ski instructors. In addition, the Sports Department of the municipal corporation ensures the promotion of inclusive sports, where everyone can adapt to be able to practice, in this case, skiing.

During 22 sessions, the students will enjoy four hours of



Snowflakes during the Sunday day of the Encamp Snow School.

**MARC CUIRANA**

MONITOR COORDINATOR

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skiing per day during the Saturdays and Sundays of the first three months of the year. In addition, the instructors will evalua-

te the progress made during the season, which will be analyzed and rewarded in the penultimate session. «This is done with the desire to be able to see the work and be able to resume it the following year,» said the monitor coordinator Marc Ciurana. Divided into groups of snowflakes (initial), first star, second star, third star, fourth star, 'freestyle' and snowboard, the skiers receive the support of 19 monitors, who are the ones who assess the passage from one group to another according to the le-

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202

The total number of registered participants in this edition was 202 participants, a record number.

170

Of all the registered participants, 170 children are in the Encamp sector where the activities are carried out.

32

A total of 32 participants are in the Pas de la Casa sector where they enjoy the school.

vel acquired. «We monitor the level with a playful function, without putting the risk, or seeking competitiveness between groups,» explained Ciurana, adding that the desire is for those registered to «have a good time, to be at ease in the mountains and that they get to know them». ●

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