

Medicines Use and Safety Update November 2018

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NEW: Medicines Matters: A guide to mechanisms for the prescribing, supply and administration of medicines (in England)

We have refreshed the 2006 DH document to reflect current legislation and guidance. The [guide](#) describes the legal mechanisms available for the prescribing, supply and administration of medicines and supports service redesign and the development of new roles.

NEW: In use safety of intravenous magnesium sulfate

SPS has produced guidance on the safe use of IV magnesium sulfate in obstetrics to support the PReCePT Programme. There is also some important safety information about the labelling of the Demo SA brand magnesium sulfate injection; serious dose errors have been reported. The information can be found [here](#).

Network Events

- 27 November 2018 Older Peoples Network Event: **Polypharmacy and the WHO medicines safety challenge: moving from guidance to practice in the care of older people**. This event is now full. Presentations will be posted [here](#).
- 5 February 2019 **PGD Learning event** aimed at pharmacists who are new to the PGD process. The day will focus on the issues involved in the development and implementation of PGDs. Registration details will be available [here](#).

Webinar Programme

- 14 November 2018 **What's new with PGDs & Making national PGDs a reality** with Jo Jenkins & Tracy Rogers. Register [here](#).
- **Thursday 13 December 2018 Anticholinergics** with Delia Bishara. Registration details to follow

Team news

We are sorry to lose Pavitar Gandham who worked with us on a number of projects but wish him well in his new role in Warwickshire. Samrina Bhatti joins us as a ChPhO Clinical Fellow and will be working with us on a number of projects including our Twitter feed. Follow us at [@NHS_SPS](#)

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Recent Resources

Medicines Optimisation

- **RECENT:** Medicine Optimisation for adults in Domiciliary Care Settings [link](#) [LO](#)
- **RECENT:** Medicines Use and Safety Annual Report 2017-18 [link](#) [CL](#)
- Pharmacy support for people with sight loss [link](#) [NB](#)

Medicines Safety

- **NEW:** In use safety of intravenous magnesium sulfate [link](#) [CL](#)
- **RECENT:** WHO Good Practice Repository [link](#)
- **NEW from UKMi** In use product safety assessment report for trastuzumab [link](#)
- **RECENT from UKMi:** In use product safety assessment report for IV paracetamol in paediatrics [link](#)
- Implementing Patient Safety Alert 18: Anticoagulant therapy [link](#) [NW](#)
- Patient Safety Alerts from the NPSA and SPS resources to support their implementation [link](#) [NW](#)

Governance

- **NEW:** Medicines Matters: A guide to mechanisms for the prescribing, supply and administration of medicines (in England) [link](#) [SW](#)
- **RECENT:** Scoping exercise on the provision of antimicrobial therapy under PGDs [link](#) [JJ](#)
- **RECENT:** PGDs in Complex Commissioning Scenarios [link](#) [JJ](#)
- **RECENTLY UPDATED:** Retaining PGD documentation [link](#) [JJ](#)
- PGDs for administration of contrast media in radiology services [link](#) [JJ](#)
- PGDs and Occupational Health Schemes [link](#) [JJ](#)

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Collaborative Audits

- National community pharmacy oral anticoagulant safety audit. Developed with other NHS and professional organisations, this audit is now live [link](#)
- Audit of RPS standards for optimising medicines in secure environments [link](#)

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Work in Progress

- Clinical Prioritisation – a review of our [current resource](#) to reflect electronic prescribing and risk stratification measures
- National ‘do once’ system for organisational medicines governance documentation
- Dosing of DOACs to ensure efficacy and safety

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Network Events

Forthcoming events in 2018/2019:

- Webinar: What’s new with PGDs & Making National PGDs a Reality** Jo Jenkins & Tracy Rogers 14 November 2018 Register [here](#)
- Older Peoples Network Event: Polypharmacy and the WHO medicines safety challenge: moving from guidance to practice in the care of older people** 27 November London. Registration full [link](#)
- Webinar: Anticholinergics** Delia Bishara **Thursday** 13 December 2018 Registration details to follow
- Webinar: Transfer of Care** Debby Crockford & James Allen 9 January 2019 Registration details to follow
- PGD Learning Event:** For those new to PGDs 5 February 2019 London Registration details will be available [here](#)

Recent Past Events: – links to presentations

- Webinar: Implementation of FMD in Health & Justice** Denise Farmer 10 October 2018 [link](#)
- Webinar: Carter 2 Update for Mental and Community Health** Ann Jacklin 12 September [link](#)
- Health and Justice Network: Medication without harm: Delivering the WHO Challenge in Health and Justice** 11 September [link](#)
- Webinar: Antimicrobials – Current Issues in Primary and Secondary Care** Stephen Hughes and Avril Tucker 8 August 2018 [link](#)
- All Sector Network: Delivering the WHO “Medication Without Harm” Patient Safety Challenge London.** 12 July 2018 London. [link](#)
- Webinar: Pain Update - Focusing on Opioids and Issues** Emma Davies 11 July 2018 [link](#)

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Publications

Shah C, Hough J & Jani Y **Medicines reconciliation in primary care: a study evaluating the quality of medication-related information provided on discharge from secondary care** Eur J Hosp Pharm Published Online First: 26 September 2018. doi: 10.1136/ejhpharm-2018-001613 [link](#)

Baqir W, Barnett N & Chapman S **Deprescribing: Less is more.** Today’s Pharmacist. Summer 2018 p8-9 [link](#) [link](#)

Barnett N, Cairns C & Onatade R **Academic recognition for research in pharmacy practice** Clinical Pharmacist, 7 Jun 2018, online DOI: 10.1211/CP.2018.20204947 [link](#)

Barnett N **Person-centred over patient-centred care: not just semantics** Clinical Pharmacist, April 2018, Vol 10, No 4, online | DOI: 10.1211/CP.2018.20204578 [link](#)

Barnett N & Parmar P **How to support people with aphasia with medicines optimisation** The Pharmaceutical Journal, Vol 300 7910, online | DOI: 10.1211/PJ.2018.20204234 [link](#)

Barnett N & Carr C **The Montgomery judgment and pharmacist consultations** Prescriber Jan 2018 [link](#)

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