

Medicines Use and Safety Update

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NEW: Community Pharmacy NSAID safety audit (Quality Payments Scheme)

This [audit](#) focuses on gastro-intestinal safety for older people prescribed NSAIDs. It links with the WHO challenge to reduce avoidable harm from medicines and encourages contractors to routinely carry out surveillance of patients' use of NSAIDs.

NEW: Contrast Agent PGD Templates

SPS, NHS England, the Royal College of Radiologists and the Society and College of Radiographers have developed five iodine contrast agent [PGD templates](#) for use in radiology services in NHS England Commissioned services.

Submitting items to the WHO Good Practice Repository

Please submit any item of good practice relating to the WHO Medication Without Harm Global Patient Safety Challenge domains or early action priority areas [here](#).

Network Events

- 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. Register [here](#).
- 14 March 2019 **MUSN - Tackling medicines safety challenges in transfer of care and adherence**. Registration details will be posted [here](#).

Webinar Programme

- 9 January 2019 **Transfer of Care** with Debby Crockford & James Allen. Register [here](#)
- 13 February 2019 **Update on RMOs** with Justine Scanlan. Registration details to follow

Team news

We are pleased to welcome Barry Jubraj and Amanda Cooper to our team. Barry comes from the King's School of Pharmacy with experience across hospital pharmacy and academia. Amanda has extensive experience in acute care, most recently as Chief Pharmacist at Portsmouth Hospitals.

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Recent Resources

Medicines Optimisation

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

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Medicines Safety

- **RECENT:** In use safety of intravenous magnesium sulfate [link](#)
- WHO Good Practice Repository [link](#)
- **RECENT from UKMi** In use product safety assessment report for trastuzumab [link](#)
- **From UKMi:** In use product safety assessment report for IV paracetamol in paediatrics [link](#)
- Implementing Patient Safety Alert 18: Anticoagulant therapy [link](#)

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Governance

- **NEW:** Contrast Agent PGD Templates [link](#)
- **NEW:** Can Nursing Associates and Physician Associates operate under a Patient Group Direction? [link](#)
- **RECENT:** Medicines Matters: A guide to mechanisms for the prescribing, supply and administration of medicines (in England) [link](#)
- Scoping exercise on the provision of antimicrobial therapy under PGDs [link](#)
- PGDs in Complex Commissioning Scenarios [link](#)
- PGDs and Occupational Health Schemes [link](#)

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Collaborative Audits

- **NEW:** National community pharmacy NSAID safety audit 2018/19 [link](#)
- National community pharmacy oral anticoagulant safety audit [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

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Network Events

Forthcoming events in 2019:

- **Webinar: Transfer of Care** Debby Crockford & James Allen 9 January 2019 Register [here](#)
- **PGD Learning Event:** For those new to PGDs 5 February 2019 London Register [here](#)
- **Webinar: Update on RMOCs** Justine Scanlan 13 February 2019 Registration details to follow
- **Webinar: Safety of Injectable Medicines** Virginia Aguado and Sue Keeling 13 March 2019 Registration details to follow
- **MUSN - Tackling medicines safety challenges in transfer of care and adherence** 14 March 2019 Registration details will be posted [here](#)

Recent Past Events: – links to presentations

- **Webinar: Anticholinergics** Delia Bishara & Kat LeBosquet 13 December 2018 [link](#)
- **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. [link](#)
- **Webinar: What's new with PGDs & Making National PGDs a Reality** Jo Jenkins & Tracy Rogers 14 November 2018 [link](#)
- **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](#)

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Publications

N Barnett & E Davies **How pharmacists can help prevent an 'opioid crisis' developing in the UK.** Clinical Pharmacist 9 Nov 2018 [link](#)

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](#)

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