

Medicines Use and Safety Update

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NEW: Medicines Governance Do Once Programme - The story so far

Following the recommendation in the second Carter report we have established a governance framework to support the national development and distribution of PGDs, medicines policies and other essential organisational governance documents. Find out more [here](#).

Network Events

- 14 March 2019 **MUSN - Tackling medicines safety challenges in transfer of care and adherence**. This day is now full. Join the waiting list [here](#)
- 14 May 2019 **CHS Network Day – National drivers – their impact on CHS & Safety aspects of anticipatory prescribing in CHS**. Registration details will be posted [here](#)

Webinar Programme

- 13 March 2019 **Safety of Injectable Medicines** with Virginia Aguado, Robin Burfield and Nicola Wake. Register [here](#)
- 10 April 2019 **End of life care** with Sara Bernstein. Registration details to follow
- 9 May 2019 **Frailty** with Lelly Oboh and Jennifer Stevenson. **Thursday** lunchtime.

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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

- In use safety of intravenous magnesium sulfate [link](#)
- WHO Good Practice Repository – still open for submissions [link](#)
- **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**: Medicines Governance Do Once Programme [link](#)
- **UPDATED**: Can a local authority delegate authorisation of PGDs to a CCG using a Section 75 partnership agreement? [link](#)
- **RECENT**: Contrast Agent PGD Templates [link](#)
- **RECENT**: Can Nursing Associates and Physician Associates operate under a Patient Group Direction? [link](#)
- 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

- **RECENT:** 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
- Guidance on when Patient Group Directions (PGDs) are not required

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Network Events

Forthcoming events in 2019:

- **Webinar: Safety of Injectable Medicines** Virginia Aguado, Robin Burfield and Nicola Wake. Registration details to follow 13 March 2019 Register [here](#)
- **MUSN - Tackling medicines safety challenges in transfer of care and adherence** 14 March 2019 Register [here](#)
- **Webinar: End of life care** with Sara Bernstein. 10 April 2019 Registration details to follow
- **CHS network: National drivers – their impact on CHS & Safety aspects of anticipatory prescribing in CHS** 14 May 2019 Registration details will be posted [here](#)
- **Webinar: Frailty** with Lelly Oboh and Jennifer Stevenson **Thursday** 9 May 2019 Registration details to follow

Recent Past Events: – links to presentations

- **Webinar: Update on RMOCs** Justine Scanlan 13 February 2019 [link](#)
- **Webinar: FMD in CHS** 8 February 2019 [link](#)
- **PGD Learning Event:** For those new to PGDs 5 February 2019 [link](#)
- **Webinar: Transfer of Care** Debby Crockford & James Allen 9 January [link](#)
- **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](#)

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Publications

N Wake **How to investigate and manage a medication incident** The Pharmaceutical Journal Feb 2019 [link](#)

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](#)

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