Medicines Use and Safety Update
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NEW: When PGDs are not required
As part of our Medicines Governance Do Once Programme we have developed guidance to assist organisations in identifying when a Patient Group Direction (PGD) should not be used.

NEW: Contrast Agent PGD Templates
SPS, NHS England, the Royal College of Radiologists and the Society and College of Radiographers have developed five gadolinium contrast agent PGD templates for use in radiology services in NHS England Commissioned services. These can be found alongside the iodine contrast examples which were published in January 2019.

Network Events
- 14 May 2019 CHS Network Day – National drivers – their impact on CHS & Safety aspects of anticipatory prescribing in CHS. Register here
- 23 October Medicines Use & Safety Network Day Registration details to follow

Webinar Programme
- Thursday 9 May 2019 Frailty with Lelly Oboh and Jennifer Stevenson. Thursday lunchtime. Register here
- Wednesday 12 Jun 2019 Transitions of Care in Mental Health with Caroline Dada. Registration details to follow

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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

Medicines Safety
- In use safety of intravenous magnesium sulfate 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

Governance
- NEW: When PGDs are not required link
- UPDATED: Patient Group Direction (PGD) use in remote consultations link
- UPDATED: Managing PGDs when organisations merge, cease to exist or services are transferred
- RECENT: Medicines Governance Do Once Programme link
- 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 and Occupational Health Schemes link

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Collaborative Audits

- 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]

Work in Progress

- Clinical Prioritisation – a review of our current resource to reflect electronic prescribing and risk stratification measures
- Guidance on Executive Responsibilities for Medicines within Healthcare Organisations

Network Events

Forthcoming events in 2019:
- Webinar: Frailty Lelly Oboh and Jennifer Stevenson Thursday 9 May 2019 Register [here]
- CHS network: National drivers – their impact on CHS & Safety aspects of anticipatory prescribing in CHS 14 May 2019 Register [here]
- Webinar: Transitions of Care in Mental Health Caroline Dada 12 Jun 2019 Registration details to follow
- Webinar: PhiMED (Patient held information about Medicines) Bryony Dean-Franklin and Sara Garfield 10 July 2019 Registration details to follow
- MUSN: 23 October 2019 Registration details to follow

Recent Past Events:
- Webinar: End of life care with Sara Bernstein. 10 April 2019 [link]
- MUSN - Tackling medicines safety challenges in transfer of care and adherence 14 March 2019 [link]
- Webinar: Safety of Injectable Medicines Virginia Aguado, Robin Burfield and Nicola Wake. [link]
- 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]

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]
Barnett N, Cairns C & Onatade R Academic recognition for research in pharmacy practice Clinical Pharmacist, 7 Jun 2018, online DOI: 10.1211/CP.2018.2020497 [link]

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