

# Medicines Use and Safety Update July 2019

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## **NEW: Written Instruction for the administration of seasonal 'flu vaccination**

We know that organisations encountered issues offering employees the seasonal 'flu vaccine, including peer to peer vaccination, within the legislation. We have worked with stakeholders to develop a [written instruction](#) for seasonal staff influenza vaccination. We are planning an extra webinar on Tuesday 6 August to answer your queries on this subject.

## **NEW: MO in Health and Justice (HJ) Services: A report from a national audit of RPS standards**

A national audit of RPS standards was undertaken by SPS in collaboration with NHS England. The final [report](#) will be used to inform priorities for national, regional and individual provider service improvements.

## **NEW: Can PGDs be used to supply or administer a medication which is part of a clinical trial, study or pilot?**

This new [Q&A](#) explains that where a product licence is in place a PGD can be used. Unlicensed medicines cannot be supplied or administered under a PGD.

## **Network Events**

- 17 September 2019 **Health and Justice Pharmacy Network Meeting** More details will be available [here](#)
- 23 October 2019 **Medicines Use & Safety Network Day**  
**Patient safety: the national strategy and examples from practice** Registration details to follow

## **Webinar Programme**

- **Wednesday 10 July 2019 PhiMED (Patient held information about Medicines)** Bryony Dean-Franklin and Sara Garfield 10 July 2019 Register [here](#)
- **Tuesday 6 August 2019 Written Instructions for the administration of seasonal 'flu vaccination for staff** Registration details to follow
- **Wednesday 14 August 2019 Introducing the English Deprescribing Network (EDeN)** Cherise Howson and Emma McClay Registration details to follow

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## Recent Resources

### **Medicines Optimisation**

- **NEW:** MO in Health and Justice (HJ) Services: A report from a national audit of RPS standards [link](#) [DF](#)
- Medicine Optimisation for adults in Domiciliary Care Settings [link](#) [LO](#)

### **Medicines Safety**

- **NEW from UKMi:** Summary of Guidance and Evidence for use of Multi-Compartment Compliance Aids (MCCAs) [link](#)
- In use safety of intravenous magnesium sulfate [link](#) [CL](#)
- Implementing Patient Safety Alert 18: Anticoagulant therapy [link](#) [NW](#)

### **Governance**

- **NEW:** Written Instruction for the administration of seasonal 'flu vaccination [link](#) [JJ](#)
- **NEW:** Can PGDs be used to supply or administer a medication which is part of a clinical trial, study or pilot? [link](#) [JJ](#)
- **UPDATED:** PGDs and Occupational Health Schemes [link](#) [JJ](#)
- **RECENT:** When PGDs are not required [link](#) [JJ](#)
- **RECENT:** Contrast Agent PGD Templates [link](#) [JJ](#)
- **RECENTLY UPDATED:** Patient Group Direction (PGD) use in remote consultations [link](#) [JJ](#)
- **RECENTLY UPDATED:** Managing PGDs when organisations merge, cease to exist or services are transferred [link](#) [JJ](#)
- **RECENT:** Medicines Governance Do Once Programme [link](#) [TR](#)
- Medicines Matters: A guide to mechanisms for the prescribing, supply and administration of medicines (in England) [link](#) [SW](#)

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## Collaborative Audits

- National community pharmacy NSAID safety audit 2018/19 [link](#)
- National community pharmacy oral anticoagulant safety audit [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 Executive Responsibilities for Medicines within Healthcare Organisations

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## Network Events

### Forthcoming events in 2019:

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- **Webinar: Written Instructions for the administration of seasonal ‘flu vaccination for staff** Tuesday 6 August 2019 Registration details to follow
- **Webinar: Introducing the English Deprescribing Network (EDeN)** Cherise Howson and Emma McClay Wednesday 14 August 2019 Registration details to follow
- **Webinar: Pharmacy co-production in service development** Sophie Staniszewska 11 September 2019 Registration details to follow
- **H&J Pharmacy Network Meeting** 17 September 2019 More details will be available [here](#)
- **MUSN: Patient safety: the national strategy and examples from practice** 23 October 2019 Registration details to follow
- **OPNet:** 27 November 2019 Registration details to follow

### Recent Past Events: – links to presentations

- **Webinar: Transitions of Care in Mental Health** Caroline Dada 12 Jun 2019 [link](#)
- **CHS network: National drivers – their impact on CHS & Safety aspects of anticipatory prescribing in CHS** 14 May 2019 [link](#)
- **Webinar: Frailty** Lelly Oboh and Jennifer Stevenson **Thursday** 9 May 2019 [link](#)
- **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** 13 March 2019 V Aguado, R Burfield & N Wake. [link](#)

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## Publications

Jubraj B, Marvin V, Ward E. **Developing a doctor–pharmacist consensus on medicine-related problems in older adults.** Clinical Pharmacist. April 2019 Volume 11 No 4 [link](#)

Barnett N **Opportunities for collaboration between pharmacists and clinical pharmacologists to support medicines optimisation in the UK.** Br J Clin Pharmacol 15 Apr 2019 [link](#)

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

Barnett N & Davies E **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](#)

Forsyth P, Warren A, Thomson C *et al* **A Competency Framework for Clinical Pharmacists and Heart Failure** Int J Pharm Pract. 2018 Jul 20. doi: 10.1111/ijpp.12465 [link](#)

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