NEW: National Ambulance Patient Group Directions
We are pleased to announce that the first two national PGDs for use in NHS England commissioned ambulance services are now available. These are for tranexamic acid and flumazenil.

NEW: DOACs in Renal Impairment: Practice Guide to Dosing Issues
This paper explains the background to dosing decisions for DOACs in patients with impaired renal function. It focuses on the use of DOACs in patients with atrial fibrillation and provides case study examples from current clinical practice. It is intended as a practice aid, not national guidance, and is particularly suitable for new or less experienced practitioners working in primary care.

Network Events
- 17 September 2019 Health and Justice Pharmacy Network Meeting. Register here
- 23 October 2019 MUSN - Patient safety: The national strategy and examples from practice. This event is now full. Join the waiting list here
- 27 November 2019 OPNet: Supporting people to age well. Registration details to follow

Webinar Programme
- 11 September 2019 Pharmacy Co-production in Service Development with Sophie Staniszewska. Register here
- 9 October 2019 Gosport: Then and Now with Sarah Dennison (CQC), Cathy Picton (RPS), John Hayhurst (NHS England). Registration details to follow.

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Recent Resources

**Medicines Optimisation**
- NEW: DOACs in Renal Impairment: Practice Guide to Dosing Issues [link]
- Medicine Optimisation for adults in Domiciliary Care Settings [link]

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

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

Collaborative Audits
- MO in Health and Justice (HJ) Services: A report from a national audit of RPS standards [link]
- National community pharmacy NSAID safety audit 2018/19 [link]
Work in Progress

- Clinical Prioritisation – summary of published ‘tools’ to prioritise patients for clinical review by the pharmacy team
- Guidance on Executive Responsibilities for Medicines within Healthcare Organisations
- Polypharmacy – medication review of cardiovascular medicines
- Transcribing - mapping the process and assessing the risk

Network Events

Forthcoming events in 2019/2020:

- Webinar: Pharmacy co-production in service development Sophie Staniszewska 11 September 2019. Registration details will be available here
- H&J Pharmacy Network Meeting 17 September 2019. Register here
- Webinar: Gosport: Then and Now Sarah Dennison (CQC), Cathy Picton (RPS), John Hayhurst (NHS England) 9 October 2019. Registration details to follow
- MUSN: Patient safety: The national strategy and examples from practice 23 October 2019. Register here
- OPNet: Supporting people to age well 27 November 2019. Registration details to follow
- PGD Learning Event: For those new to PGDs 11 February 2020 London. Registration details will be available here

Recent Past Events: – links to presentations

- Webinar: Introducing the English Deprescribing Network (EDeN) Cherise Howson and Emma McClay 4 August 2019 link
- Webinar: Written Instructions for the administration of seasonal ‘flu vaccination for staff 6 August 2019 link
- Webinar: PhIMED (Patient held information about Medicines) Bryony Dean-Franklin and Sara Garfield 10 July 2019 link
- 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

Publications

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