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Medicine Management Matters

Recording of “other medicines”

There have been some recent incidents within the Trusts where transplant patients have been admitted to the hospital but their immunosuppressant medication has been missed on their admission clerking, potentially due to the fact that they are not included on the summary care record as they are supplied from the specialist centre via Homecare.

The concern is two-fold, that they are being missed off the clerking when the patient is admitted to hospital if the SCR is being used as the primary reference source, but also that GPs are not being notified of potential interactions when prescribing other drugs.

This would also apply to the biologics etc. that are supplied through Homecare and some other medication e.g. clozapine, methadone etc.

To record other medication:

In the Clinical Tree right click on Medication and select the '?' icon – Record Other Medication

The Select Drug or Appliance browser opens
Locate the drug that needs recording and press enter

The following window will open
Record the details and press OK

This medication will then appear on the patient's Summary Care Record.

If you require any additional help with this, please contact the Medicines Optimisation Teams pharmacy technician supporting your surgery.

Prescribing Incentive Scheme Payments

The monies from the PIS awards for 2017/18 will not be available after the end of the current financial year. Please ensure your claims reach us by 28/02/2020 to ensure they are processed in time. To claim, submit a claim form detailing the items (this can be obtained from the team), along with an invoice showing the item, and proof of purchase (BACS payment notification or bank statement). All correspondence regarding PIS claims to Samantha (Samantha.scholes@nhs.net).

Prescribing Incentive Scheme Audits

When submitting your PIS audits please mail them to bedscg.bedsmedsaudits@nhs.net.

Treatment of Dry Eye Prescribing Guidelines

Please find the agreed Dry Eye Prescribing Guidelines [here](#)

The cost effective choices for dry eyes is available on request. The list has not been published as the price of products continually changes. You will be notified of the most cost effective choice through Scriptswitch when prescribing. If you do not have ScriptSwitch on your computer speak with your Practice Manager.

If you require any additional clarification please contact the Medicines Management Team.

Website update

We are delighted to be working with Digidoda, also based at Wrest Park, on the new Medicines Management website. Following a lot of scoping we are now at the design stage and we are still on target for a June launch. Part of the content will be aimed at GP practices in particular – so if you have any suggestions for resources please let the team know.

Care Home Team Update

The current Bedfordshire CCG best practice guidance on Covert administration of medication (adults) has been extended until April 2020. This guidance is currently under review and will be launched as a joint Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes (BLMK) document following the merger of the three CCGs.

Click on the latest Care Home Newsletter link at the bottom for further information.

Team Changes

Leavers

- Sue Marchant (Care Home Pharmacist) retired at the end of last year. We wish her a long and happy retirement.
- Belinda Ekuban (Care Home Pharmacist) has taken up at post as PCN Pharmacist within the Titan PCN. We look forward to working with her in this different role
- Amy Flynn (PA to Head of Medicines Optimisation and team admin) successfully completed her MA and has moved on to pursue her career.

Starter

- Raye Summers joins the team as PA to the Medicines Optimisation team.

Role Changes

- Samantha Scholes is now Executive Assistant to Fiona Garnett – Head of Medicines Management. She retains many of her previous responsibilities.

USEFUL LINKS

Bedfordshire and Luton Joint Formulary information [here](#)

Care Home Medicines Management information can be found [here](#)

Latest Joint Prescribing Committee newsletter can be accessed [here](#)

Latest Care Home newsletter can be accessed [here](#)

Monthly prescribing practice reports are now available on GP Portal. Log in to see the most up to date data.

For further advice on any of the drugs/issues highlighted in this newsletter, please contact your Medicines Management Team:

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