Medicines use in care homes e-learning courses

About PrescQIPP

PrescQIPP is a not-for-profit company which proactively helps NHS and social care organisations optimise their medicines-related care to patients, through the delivery of robust, accessible and evidence-based resources.

We have many years experience of providing resources and education to the NHS and, we are pleased to offer our Medicines use in care homes e-learning courses aimed at care homes staff involved with managing medicines. Visit the PrescQIPP website for more information.

About the courses

The NICE Quality Standards for management in care homes quote a study that found more than 90% of the residents in long-term residential care were exposed to at least one potential medicine administration error in a three month period. To improve the safe and effective use of medicines by people who live in care homes, clear systems and processes are needed across the medicines optimisation pathway.

PrescQIPP is a Skills for Care Endorsed Provider and the course is also CPD accredited and carries an endorsement statement from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE). This e-learning course supports the implementation of recommendations in the NICE guideline on managing medicines in care homes. It also supports statement 3 in the NICE quality standard on medicines management in care homes.

Prices

Courses 1, 2 and 3 can be purchased individually for £14.99 per download, via PayPal, or can be centrally purchased for a group. The three courses may be purchased together at a discounted rate for £42.99.

In addition, volume based discounts are available for small or large groups as per the following table:

	Course 1	Course 2	Course 3	All courses purchased together
Individual	£14.99	£14.99	£14.99	£42.99 (-4.4%)
Purchasing for 25+	£14.49pp	£14.49pp	£14.49pp	£42.49pp (-5.5%)
Purchasing for 50+	£13.99pp	£13.99pp	£13.99pp	£41.49pp (-7.7%)
Purchasing for 100+	£13.49pp	£13.49pp	£13.49pp	£39.99pp (-11%)

For group purchasing and more information please contact us at elearning@prescqipp.info.

Course access

The courses can be accessed via the [PrescQIPP website](#). All candidates/trainees will need to register for our website to access the course, so they can record their progress and be issued with an individual e-learning certificate of achievement. To register they can [click here](#). The courses can then be accessed by following steps below.

1. [Register](#) for the [PrescQIPP site](#)
2. Log into their account (once it has been approved)
3. Click on the 'PrescQIPP e-learning' link under the 'Learning' menu, then once on the [E-learning Hub](#) click on 'Access e-learning' on the right hand side
4. Find the course and select 'Access course'

Monitor the uptake

You can monitor the uptake and progress of all candidates/trainees within your organisation. Our [e-learning activity reports](#) show you who has enrolled on the courses, and who has completed them.

Course 1 content

Medicines use in care homes: course 1

Course 1 is designed for all care home staff involved with managing medicines. It is the first of several-planned e-learning packages for care homes and will include the following modules in addition to three case studies to help apply learning to practice. Quizzes at the end of each module will test understanding and recap key learning points, and a pass mark of 70% is required to complete the course and receive a certificate.

MODULE 1	**Welcome and introduction**
MODULE 2	**The role of CQC and the NICE guideline and quality standards** • NICE guideline, quality standards, from recommendations to practice, implementation of NICE guidance in care homes, encouraging best practice
MODULE 3	**The management of medicines in care homes** • NICE, monthly medicine cycle, ordering, prescription requirements, directions, MAR sheets, use of compliance aids
MODULE 4	**Management of self-medicating residents** • Assessment, consent, ordering and receipt of medicines, storage, disposal, care plans, options for supporting self-administration
MODULE 5	**Administration of inhalers**

MODULE 6	Administration of eye drops
MODULE 7	Administration of transdermal patches
MODULE 8	Administration of topical products
MODULE 9	Administration of PRN medicines

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Course 2 content

Medicines use in care homes: course 2

Course 2 builds on the content covered in course 1 and includes seven modules focusing on key topics, in addition to three case studies that will help apply learning to practice. The course is designed for all care home staff involved in the administration, recording, ordering, storage or any other aspect of medicines use.

Quizzes at the end of each module will test understanding and recap key learning points, and a pass mark of 70% is required to complete the course and receive a certificate.

MODULE 1	**Welcome and introduction**

MODULE 2

Refused and omitted doses
- The right to refuse
- How to manage late or omitted doses
- Documentation

MODULE 3

Covert administration
- The need to consider covert administration
- Legal framework
- Practical guidance
- Suggested care pathway

MODULE 4

Managing controlled drugs
- Access, receipt, storage, administration, documentation, disposal, discrepancies, safeguarding and incidents

MODULE 5

Bulk prescribing
- What is bulk prescribing?
- Which medicines are suitable for bulk prescribing?
- Legal requirements

MODULE 6

Homely remedies and supporting self care
- NICE guidance
- Homely remedy protocols
- Recording administration
- Self care
- Conditions for which OTC medicines should not routinely be prescribed on the NHS

MODULE 7	**Medicines waste reduction**
	• How to reduce medicines waste
	• Appropriate ordering especially of 'prn' medicine

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Course 3 content

Medicines use in care homes: course 3

Course 3 will be available from February 2019 and covers the use of certain 'high risk' or specialist medicines that require specific consideration and/or administration techniques and includes seven modules focusing on key topics, in addition to two case studies that will help apply learning to practice. The course is designed for all care home staff involved in the administration of medicines.

Quizzes at the end of each module will test understanding and recap key learning points, and a pass mark of 70% is required to complete the course and receive a certificate.

MODULE 1
Medicines and falls risk
- Potential impact and effect that medicines may have on the risk of falling
- Importance of medication review

MODULE 2
Antipsychotic medicines in dementia
- Behavioural and psychological symptoms associated with dementia
- Non-drug approaches that should be used to treat these symptoms
- The risks associated with the use of antipsychotics

MODULE 3
Administration of anticoagulants
- What anticoagulants are used for, their side effects and risks
- Different types of anticoagulants
- Monitoring requirements for people taking anticoagulants

MODULE 4
Administration of methotrexate and other cytotoxic medicines
- Procedures required for cytotoxic medicines to be administered safely
- The safe disposal of cytotoxic medicines
- Specific requirements relating to the administration of methotrexate

MODULE 5
Administration of bisphosphonates
- What bisphosphonates are used for
- Instructions regarding the administration of bisphosphonates
- Potential side effects of bisphosphonates

MODULE 6	**Administration of medicines used in Parkinson's disease** • Symptoms of Parkinson's disease and how medicines can help control these • The importance of taking Parkinson's medicines at specific times • Practical ways to support residents with Parkinson's disease to take their medicines

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