

Medicines use in care homes: course 3 e-learning

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](#).



Course access

The Medicines use in care homes: course 3 is available for staff in our organisation.

You will need to be logged in to the [PrescQIPP website](#) to access the course, so that it can record your progress and issue your e-learning certificate. To register please [click here](#), please select 'I work for a social care provider' on the registration form. Once your registration has been approved, the course can be accessed by following the steps below.

1. Log into the [PrescQIPP website](#) (once your registration has been approved)
2. 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
3. Find the course and select 'Access course'
4. Enter promo code:



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

If you have any questions please contact your manager in the first instance, or contact PrescQIPP at elarning@prescqipp.info.