

Medicines use in care homes: course 2 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 2 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:

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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 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

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