

## 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](#).



### Course access

The Medicines use in care homes courses are available for staff in our organisation.

You will need to be logged in to the [PrescQIPP website](#) to access the courses, 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 courses can be accessed by following 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 codes - course 1:

course 2:

course 3:

## Course 1 content



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.

<b>MODULE 1</b>	<b>Welcome and introduction</b>
<b>MODULE 2</b>	<b>The role of CQC and the NICE guideline and quality standards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NICE guideline, quality standards, from recommendations to practice, implementation of NICE guidance in care homes, encouraging best practice</li></ul>
<b>MODULE 3</b>	<b>The management of medicines in care homes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NICE, monthly medicine cycle, ordering, prescription requirements, directions, MAR sheets, use of compliance aids</li></ul>
<b>MODULE 4</b>	<b>Management of self-medicating residents</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assessment, consent, ordering and receipt of medicines, storage, disposal, care plans, options for supporting self-administration</li></ul>
<b>MODULE 5</b>	<b>Administration of inhalers</b>
<b>MODULE 6</b>	<b>Administration of eye drops</b>
<b>MODULE 7</b>	<b>Administration of transdermal patches</b>
<b>MODULE 8</b>	<b>Administration of topical products</b>
<b>MODULE 9</b>	<b>Administration of PRN medicines</b>

## Course 2 content

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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 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

## Course 3 content



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](mailto:elarning@prescqipp.info).