

Medicines use in care homes - High quality e-learning

PrescQIPP is a not-for-profit organisation that supports NHS and social care organisations to optimise their medicines-related care to patients, through the delivery of robust, accessible and evidence-based resources and tools. Visit the [PrescQIPP website](#) for more information.

About the courses

A study quoted in the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) quality standards for medicines management in care homes found that more than 90% of residents in long-term residential care were exposed to at least one potential medicine administration error in a three month period. These courses will:

- Support staff in the use of clear systems and processes needed across the medicines optimisation pathway to improve the safe and effective use of medicines in care homes
- Support 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 1	Designed for all care home staff involved with managing medicines.
Course 2	Builds on course 1 and is designed for all staff involved in the administration, recording, ordering, storage or any other aspect of medicines use.
Course 3	Covers the use of certain 'high risk' or specialist medicines that require specific consideration and/or administration techniques.

- All courses consist of modules, case studies and a final exam with a 70% pass mark.
- On passing the course a certificate of completion will be issued.

The courses are CPD accredited and carry endorsement statements NICE. PrescQIPP is a Skills for Care endorsed provider of e-learning courses for the adult social care sector.



Monitor course uptake and progress

As a manager within the organisation you will be able to view e-learning activity reports, which show you who has enrolled on the courses, and who has completed them.

How to buy the courses

Course 1 can be purchased for £9.99+VAT and course 2 can be purchased for £14.99+VAT. The two courses may be purchased together at a discounted rate for £22.99+VAT. [Click here to purchase](#)

Volume based discounts are available for small or large groups.

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



Course 1 content

MODULE 1	Welcome and introduction
MODULE 2	The role of CQC and the NICE guideline and quality standards <ul style="list-style-type: none">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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">NICE, monthly medicine cycle, ordering, prescription requirements, directions, MAR sheets, use of compliance aids
MODULE 4	Management of self-medicating residents <ul style="list-style-type: none">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

MODULE 1	Welcome and introduction
MODULE 2	Refused and omitted doses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The right to refuse• How to manage late or omitted doses• Documentation
MODULE 3	Covert administration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The need to consider covert administration• Legal framework• Practical guidance• Suggested care pathway
MODULE 4	Managing controlled drugs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access, receipt, storage, administration, documentation, disposal, discrepancies, safeguarding and incidents
MODULE 5	Bulk prescribing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is bulk prescribing?• Which medicines are suitable for bulk prescribing?• Legal requirements
MODULE 6	Homely remedies and self care <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to reduce medicines waste• Appropriate ordering especially of 'prn' medicine

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Course 3 content

MODULE 1	Medicines and falls risk <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Potential impact and effect that medicines may have on the risk of falling• Importance of medication review
MODULE 2	Antipsychotic medicines in dementia <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Behavioural and psychological symptoms associated with dementia and non-drug approaches that should be used to treat these symptoms• The risks associated with the use of antipsychotics
MODULE 3	Administration of anticoagulants <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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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