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

Each course can be purchased for £14.99 (+VAT). The three courses may be purchased together at a discounted rate for £42.99 (+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

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Course 1

Course 1 content

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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Medicines use in care homes — Course 2

Course 2 content

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

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Course 3 content

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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 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

- 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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