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NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group

Care Homes
e-Learning

Free e-Learning for All Care Home Staff

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG have subscribed and purchased unlimited access to a care homes e-learning package for an unlimited number of healthcare professionals in our area through the organisation PrescQIPP who are an NHS funded not-for-profit organisation that supports quality, optimised prescribing for patients. PrescQIPP are a member of CPD-UK and all their courses are CPD certified.   Some courses also carry a NICE endorsement statement.

There are currently 2 e-learning courses available with a third course in development.

Medicines Use in Care Homes: Course 1

This course is aimed at 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 modules, below, 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.

These e-learning courses support the implementation of recommendations in the NICE guideline on managing medicines in care homes.   They also support statement 3 in the NICE quality standard on medicines management in care homes.

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-medication 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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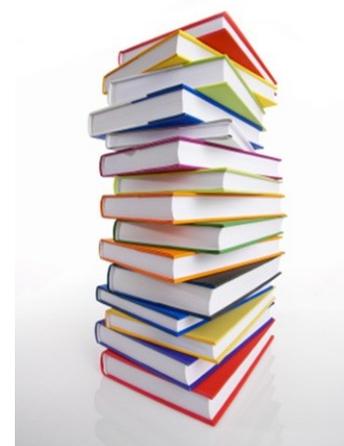
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Medicines Use in Care Homes: Course 2

The second e-learning course for care homes, builds on the content covered in 'Medicines Use in Care Homes: 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 on key learning points, and a pass mark of 70% is required in the final assessment 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, Incidents
MODULE 5:	**Bulk prescribing** • What is bulk prescribing • Which medicines are suitable for bulk prescribing • Legal requirements
MODULE 6:	**Homely Remedies** • NICE guidance, Homely remedies protocols, Recording administration • Self Care and 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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Medicines Use in Care Homes: Course 3 (Available from February 2019)

The third e-learning course for care homes, covers the use of certain 'high risk' or specialist medicines that require specific consideration and/or administration techniques and includes 7 modules focusing on key topics, in addition to 2 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 on 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** • Behaviour 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

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Course access

These courses are free for all healthcare professionals in our commissioning area.

You will need to be logged in to the PrescQIPP site to access the course, so that it can record your progress and issue your e-learning certificate.

If you do not already have a log in for the PrescQIPP site, you can register here: https://www.prescqipp.info/.

Please ensure that you specify the organisation/commissioning area - *Cambridgeshire and Peterborough* on registration as this will ensure that you are provided with the correct access and do not have to pay for the course.

Activation of your registration may take up to 2 working days as the team at PrescQIPP will need to review your details to ensure that you are given the correct access levels and confirm your registration.

Once your registration has been confirmed you will be ready to access the free e-learning course:

- Log in to the PrescQIPP site

- 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

- Find the course and select 'Access course'

Don't forget that you can complete the course over a period of time. To return to the course and pick up where you left off at any time, simply log back into the site and follow the steps above.

Please note that you will need an up to date browser and sufficient bandwidth to view the course.

Do you have a question?

? If you have any questions about the course, please contact the PrescQIPP team help@prescqipp.info.

? If you have any questions about accessing the course, please contact the Medicines Optimisation Team capccg.prescribingpartnership@nhs.net.