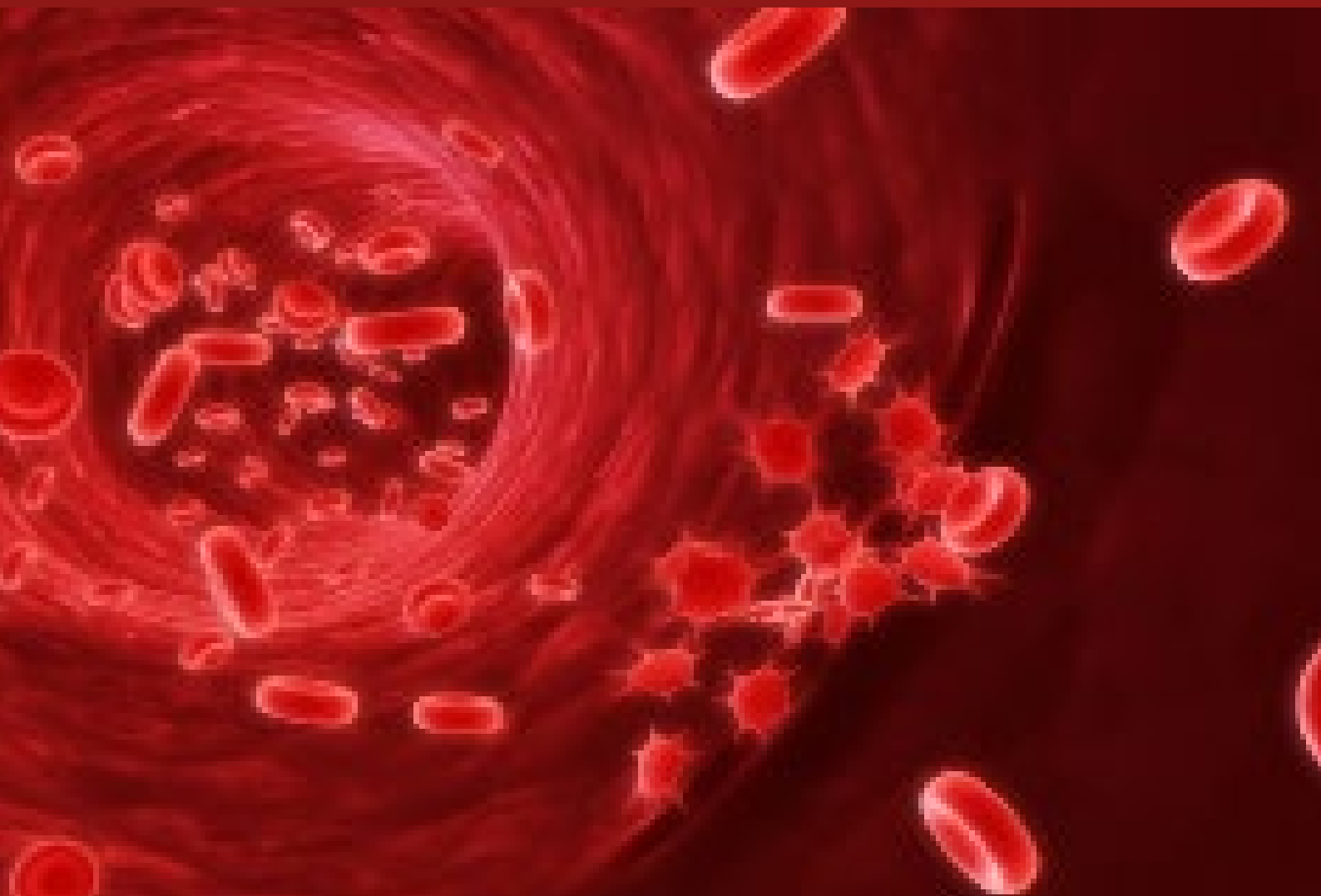


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This conference will provide a practical guide to improving anticoagulation therapy services with a focus on improving Quality, patient safety, and an update on new oral anticoagulants.

The conference will open with a presentation on demonstrating effectiveness, quality and patient safety – measuring and monitoring the quality of your anticoagulation service. The event will continue with a focus on self monitoring and empowering patients following the September 2014 recommendation from NICE on self monitoring which stated that *“The evidence shows that greater use of self-monitoring offers clinical and patient benefit and, over time, is likely to result in reductions in heart attacks and strokes caused by blood clots...People on long-term anticoagulation need to monitor their blood regularly to make sure they are taking the right dose of their drug. Because self-monitoring provides almost instant results, self-monitoring can reduce anxiety, provide a sense of control for the patient and remove the need to frequently attend clinics or hospitals. The Committee also heard that self-monitoring allows people to visit, or act as a carer for, other family members, without having to worry about attending testing appointments.”* Professor Carole Longson, NICE Health Technology Evaluation Centre Director, September 2014

The conference will continue with an update on monitoring adherence to the revised AF guidelines announced by NICE in June 2014. NICE stated that offering patients anticoagulants could help prevent thousands of strokes and premature deaths from atrial fibrillation (AF), according to NICE. Around 800,000 people in England are known to be at risk of stroke from AF. Of these, half are taking anticoagulants, and a third are currently taking aspirin. However, two-thirds of people admitted to a hospital with a stroke caused by AF are not taking recommended anticoagulants. NICE estimates that with effective detection and protection with anticoagulant drugs, 7,000 strokes and 2,000 premature deaths could be avoided each year. The session will look out how you can improve effective detection and management of these patients in your service.

The conference will also focus on improving patient safety, learning from incidents and near misses and proactive tools to improve safety in anticoagulation therapy including the development of a nurse led anticoagulation service.

The afternoon sessions focus on improving practice and safety in the use of new oral anticoagulants. Dr Patrick Kesteven, Consultant Haematologist at Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust recently discussed the novel oral anticoagulants (NOACs), licensed over the last few years, stating that they offer some very large benefits to patients, compared to vit-K antagonists (VKAs) such as warfarin. These drugs have been shown to be as good as warfarin in trial situations and the benefits include ease of use; predictable response; rapid onset of action and relatively short half-life; and a significantly lower incidence of intra-cranial bleeding. However, as with all anticoagulants, these are potentially dangerous drugs and care is required with patient selection. Sessions will focus on managing new oral anticoagulants in your services, patient information and education, educating frontline staff in trigger tools and recognition of patients on new oral anticoagulants and reducing Medication Errors and ensuring patients receive oral anticoagulation therapy within safe levels.

100% of the delegates at our last anticoagulation therapy conference would recommend the event to a colleague.

10.00 Chairman's Introduction and welcoming address including developments at NCAT

Dr Henry Watson *Consultant Haematologist Aberdeen Royal Infirmary*

10.10 Anticoagulation Therapy: Quality and safety indicators

Diane Eaton

Project Manager

Anticoagulation Europe

In September 2014 NICE recommended self-monitoring tests for people on long-term anticoagulation therapy

- learning through personal journeys of anticoagulation therapy
- self monitoring: the impact on quality of life
- involving patients as partners: key issues and tips for success

10.40 Monitoring adherence against the updated NICE guidance on Atrial Fibrillation

Dr Campbell Cowan

Chair, Guideline Development Group on Atrial Fibrillation

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence &

Consultant Cardiologist

Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

- early intervention and identification of patients with Atrial Fibrillation
- monitoring adherence against the 2014 updated guidance on Atrial Fibrillation: ensuring every patient is offered NOAC's
- ensuring each patient has a clear management plan which takes into account their personal preferences and the clinician's view of the evidence that has been clearly laid out in the guideline

11.10 Question and answers, followed by coffee and exhibition

11.50 Improving patients safety: Anticoagulation errors/near misses Case histories and management

Dr Janine Wright

Consultant Gastroenterologist and Safer Medication Work Stream

Clinical Lead North Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust

- learning from anticoagulation errors and near misses
- case studies and management in practice
- training and educating junior doctors and frontline staff
- instilling a zero tolerance approach to anticoagulation errors

12.20 Anticoagulation Matters: Developing a clinic service including risk management strategies for every patient

Deb Kellener

Service Lead for the Wirral DVT Anticoagulation Service

Wirral Community Trust

- developing an effective nurse led service
- developing a quality assurance framework including risk management strategies for every patient
- Anticoagulation Matters: spreading the message and increasing referrals

13.00 Question and answers, followed by lunch and exhibition

Focus: New oral anticoagulants

14.00 Improving patient safety and experience through new oral anticoagulants

Dr Henry Watson

Consultant Haematologist

Aberdeen Royal Infirmary

- new treatments: risk v benefit
- managing the new anticoagulants in your service
- screening and working with patients and patient education

14.30 Reducing Medication Errors and ensuring patients receive oral anticoagulation therapy within safe levels

Katherine Stirling

Consultant Pharmacist, Anticoagulation and Thrombosis

Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust

- focusing on high risk medicines including anticoagulation therapy
- ensuring patients receive oral anticoagulation therapy within safe levels
- measuring and monitoring the reliability of the anticoagulation process: learning from errors and implementing error reduction strategies

15.00 Question and answers, followed by tea

15.30 Educating frontline staff in the management of patients on the new oral anticoagulants

Bunis Packham

Chairperson

Anticoagulation Specialist Association

- developing triggers to ensure staff are aware when a patient presents on the new oral anticoagulants
- training and educating frontline staff
- developing protocols to support the identification and management of those on new agents and their indications

16.00 Warfarin and NOAC monitoring

Betty Brough

Anticoagulant Nurse Specialist

Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust

- warfarin and NOAC monitoring
- accountability, competence and risk assessment
- the impact on patient understanding and warfarin control

16.30 Question and answers, followed by close

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