

A Practical Guide to Effective Nurse Prescribing

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Chaired by **Barbara Stuttle, Chair of the Association for Prescribers** this important national conference provides an essential update for current and aspiring nurse prescribers.

“Nurses and pharmacists are generally making clinically appropriate prescribing decisions. Decisions about the cost of drugs prescribed and assessment and diagnostic skills are areas for quality improvement.” Are nurse and pharmacist independent prescribers making clinically appropriate prescribing decisions? An analysis of consultations

Through national updates and practical case studies delegates will hear how to develop and maintain prescribing competence, and how to develop effectiveness in post qualification practice. The conference will look at why nurses are not always prescribing post qualification and to support nurses to restart their prescribing practice. There will also be an extended legal session for nurse prescribers delivered by the Royal College of Nursing Director of Legal Services.

“Properly trained non-medical staff should absolutely take on prescribing roles where it’s appropriate. And indeed, as the health service moves more towards less hospital-based care, with an increased focus on integrated community services, this should result in a wider range of professionals prescribing medicines - especially in a community setting” Prof Neal Maskrey Consultant Clinical Adviser Medicines and Prescribing Centre NICE

This timely conference will update delegates on their responsibilities with regard to maintaining prescribing competence for revalidation and the the NMC Code (the consultation of which closed in August) which has included specific requirements for prescribing and medicines management as well as leadership. The conference will include case studies demonstrating prescribing competence and will also focus on difficult issue such as prescribing for comorbidities.

“Independent prescribing is defined as: ‘Prescribing by an appropriate practitioner (which currently includes doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, optometrists, podiatrists and physiotherapists), responsible and accountable for the assessment of patients with undiagnosed or diagnosed conditions and for decisions about the clinical management required, including prescribing medicines’ ...There are many potential benefits for patients, commissioners and providers...Independent prescribing can also enable new ways of working to improve quality towards delivering safe, effective services focussed on the patient experience. It facilitates partnership working across professional and organisational boundaries within commissioning/provider landscapes and with patients to redesign care pathways that are cost-effective and sustainable” NHS England March 2015

100% of delegates attending last year’s event would recommend it.

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10.00 Chair's welcome: Nurse Prescribing: National Developments

Barbara Stuttle CBE

Chair

Association of Prescribers

- Nurse Prescribing: National Developments

10.30 Why are not all qualified prescribers prescribing? Supporting nurse prescribers post qualification to make use of prescribing in their everyday practice

Dr Carole Farrell

Nurse & AHP Research Fellow

The Christie Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

- the barriers to prescribing post qualification
- supporting nurses prescribers to use the qualification in practice
- beyond the course: demonstrating continued competence to prescribe
- the role of prescribing in supporting advanced practice
- re-starting your prescribing journey
- our experience in the Christie

11.00 Questions & answers, followed by coffee & exhibitions 11.20

12.00 EXTENDED SESSION: Improving Nurse Prescribing Practice and competence

Deborah Robertson

Consultant Editor

Senior Lecturer & Programme Leader Non-medical Prescribing
University of Chester

- improving nurse prescribing practice
- supporting nurse prescribers: infrastructure needed to support the safe and effective development and implementation of Nurse Prescribing
- developing advanced roles around nurse prescribing
- coordinating, planning and designing services around nurse prescribing
- ensuring you have the history-taking, clinical assessment and diagnosis skills to prescribe appropriately and effectively
- keeping your prescribing knowledge up-to-date: accessing education, training and resources
- coaching and mentoring for current and aspiring nurse prescribers
- measuring the impact of nurse prescribing on practice: audit and evaluation
- interactive question session

13.00 Lunch & exhibition

14.00 Nurse Prescribing, Advanced Practice and Revalidation

Katerina Kolyva

Director of Continued Practice

Nursing and Midwifery Council

- revalidation update
- demonstrating compliance with the NMC Code
- an update from the pilot sites
- how revalidation addresses nurse prescribing and advanced levels of nursing practice

Non-Medical Prescribing in Practice: Case studies and focus issues

14.30 a) Nurse prescribing: a pharmacist's perspective

Emma Williams

Pharmacist

Royal United Hospital Bath NHS Trust

- nurse prescribing: my experience as a pharmacist
- my role as a pharmacist prescriber in a chronic pain service
- improving patients outcomes from NMP practice

15.00 b) Correct diagnosis and therapeutic decision making

Linda Nazarko

Consultant Nurse

Ealing Community Services & Service Lead IV therapy and Dementia London North West Healthcare NHS Trust

- the importance of correct diagnosis
- differential diagnosis, therapeutic decision making and treatment options in clinical practice
- understanding your own prescribing practice, your limitations and working within your competence: self assessment tools

15.30 c) Nurse Prescribing within a clinic setting

Rhian Siefers

Practice development Nurse – Cardiology

Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust

- prescribing autonomously within a clinic: my experience and the impact on patient care
- prescribing to support autonomous advanced practice
- the impact of nurse prescribing on my role

16.00 Questions & answers, followed by coffee & Exhibition

16.20 Prescribing for comorbidities

Barbara Novak

Senior Lecturer Division of Applied Biological, Diagnostic and Therapeutic Sciences and Education Lead for Non-medical Independent and Supplementary Prescribing
City University, London

- how do you ensure safety in prescribing for co-morbid conditions
- the classification of adverse drug reactions and interactions and how they occur
- the physiological changes which occur in the elderly and how these might impact on drug handling
- physiological changes and drug interactions in older people
- reducing polypharmacy
- common conditions

16.50 Legal considerations for Nurse Prescribers

Claire Callaghan

Senior Lecturer

University of Cumbria

- prescribing legally, ethically and within your professional boundaries
- legal responsibility, NMC/GPC standards and accountability
- legal issues in prescribing

17.15 Questions & answers, followed close 17.25

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