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A Practical Guide to Effective Non Medical Prescribing in Cancer Care

Thursday 13th June 2024 Virtual Conference



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“The benefits of non-medical prescribing in cancer care are clear.”
Sarah Thompson Lead Haematology Advanced Nurse Practitioner
The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

“Over 320,000 people received treatment for cancer over the last year (Nov 2021 – Oct 2022) – the highest year on record, and up by more than 8,000 on the same period pre-pandemic.”
NHS England January 2023

“The dedication and commitment of our expert cancer workforce has meant that we have been able to maintain cancer treatment at close to pre-pandemic levels and to work quickly and efficiently to roll out new and innovative ways of working to keep patients safe.”
Dame Cally Palmer, Director of the National Cancer Programme

“The most important value we have is to put cancer patients at the heart of all we do, and this has never been more important than it has been over the last six months. It’s been a really challenging time for cancer patients.”
David Fitzgerald, Programme Director, NHS Cancer Programme

This conference focuses on Non Medical Prescribing in Cancer Care. Through national updates and practical case studies the conference will demonstrate how the effective use of nurse prescribing in cancer care can improve patient care, experience and outcomes. The conference will focus on developing competence and confidence in non medical prescribing in cancer care, including using the National Competency Framework for all Prescribers. Case study sessions will demonstrate how prescribing practice can be improve care for people with cancer and will focus on maintaining and demonstrating prescribing competence, prescribing for pain management, chemotherapy prescribing, Immunotherapy induced side effects and how to manage them, prescribing for co-morbidity and the importance of holistic assessment, prescribing for symptom control, and prescribing in end life care including controlled drugs.

This conference will enable you to:

- Network with colleagues who are working to improve non medical prescribing practice in cancer care
- Reflect on the new developments in prescribing and treatments
- Understand the national context including the national competency framework for prescribers
- Develop your skills and improve competence in prescribing practice
- Understand how to develop prescribing to improve chemotherapy services
- Immunotherapy induced side effects and how to manage them
- Prescribing for co-morbidity
- Improve your skills in the prescribing and prescribing governance
- Examine your role within prescribing at the end of life including symptom control and controlled drugs
- Understand the practicalities of effective prescribing within a clinic setting
- Learn from established prescribing practice in chemotherapy prescribing and developing the role of non medical prescribers in an SACT clinic
- Understand how to audit and demonstrate competence in non medical prescribing practice
- Self assess and reflect on your own practice
- Support CPD professional development and acts as revalidation evidence. This course provides 5 Hrs training for CPD subject to peer group approval for revalidation purposes

10.00 Chair's Welcome & Introduction - Non Medical Prescribing: Current Developments

Dr Barry Quinn

Senior Lecturer for Cancer & Palliative Care
Queens University

- current developments in nurse prescribing in cancer care
- developing confidence and competence in your ability to prescribe
- demonstrating compliance with the NMC Code for revalidation
- the national competency framework for all prescribers
- the benefits of nurse prescribing in cancer care

10.45 Non Medical Prescribing in Acute Oncology

Ms Alison Taylor

Nurse Consultant
The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre Foundation Trust

- use of steroids in common cancer emergencies
- ensuring evidence-based prescribing
- acute oncology case studies

11.15 Ensuring Safety in Prescribing Practice: Immunotherapy treatment and how to manage side effects

Laura Collantes

Advanced Nurse Practitioner
The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

- consideration when prescribing immune checkpoint inhibitors
- managing adverse effects from immunotherapy
- case studies in practice

11.45 Small breakout discussions Led by Chair

How are you utilising NMP locally within cancer services?
What are the challenges/successes?

11.55 Comfort Break and Virtual Networking

12.10 EXTENDED SESSION: Effective prescribing: Competence, Practice & Governance

Dr Barry Quinn

Senior Lecturer for Cancer & Palliative Care
Queens University

- what does good prescribing look like?
- using the National Competency Framework for Prescribers as endorsed by the NMC
- the competency framework for designated prescribing practitioners
- supporting governance and accountability
- the required competencies of an individual taking on the DPP role
- self assessment of your prescribing practice
- prescribing governance and accountability
- levels of prescribing competence
- understanding drug interactions and comorbidity
- Pharmacogenomics and the future of prescribing practice

12.55 Lunch Break and Virtual Networking

Case studies: Non Medical Prescribing in Cancer Care

13.30 EXTENDED SESSION: Prescribing for Pain and Symptom Control in End of life Care

Dr Edith Israel

Deputy Executive Medical Director of We Are With You (formerly Addaction -The National charity for addiction and mental health)
Consultant in Palliative Medicine
Woking and Sam Beare Hospice

- nurse prescribing for symptom control: current issues
- empowering nurses to prescribe in end of life care
- managing pain at the end of life
- controlled drugs and non medical/nurse prescribing
- the use of drugs beyond the product licence
- improving non medical prescribing practice at the end of life
- Opioids and conversions

14.15 Prescribing For Late Effects and in Cancer Survivorship

Dr Christopher Scrase

Consultant
Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust

- clinic supporting patients experiencing long term or late effects of cancer treatment
- prescribing for late effects
- our experience

14.45 Comfort Break and Virtual Networking

15.00 EXTENDED SESSION: NMP Prescribing for Chemotherapy/SACT

Professor Nicola Stoner

Consultant Pharmacist
Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

- prescribing within pharmacist and nurse led chemotherapy clinics
- toxicity assessment and managing side effects of treatment
- delivering safe, evidenced based and effective care that is patient focused and ensuring that staff feel supported and competent to deliver SACT and supportive therapies
- SACT at home through Covid-19
- non-medical prescriber-led SACT clinics for prostate cancer: improving patients' management and providing flexibility

Small Breakout Group discussion followed by Questions & Answers

15.45 Developing the effectiveness of Non Medical Prescribing within Nurse Led Cancer Services

Justyna Sobczak

Advanced Nurse Practitioner for Urology Diagnostic Service
The Royal Marsden Hospital NHS Trust

- prescribing within nurse led clinics in cancer care: essential considerations
- ensuring you have the competencies and skills required to run your clinic autonomously
- expanding non medical prescribing
- tips for optimising medicines for your patient group
- virtual clinics and reducing the need for hospital admission

16.15 Close

There will be time after each speaker session for Questions and Answers

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