

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE UNSCHEDULED CARE – PHARMACY GUIDE V 12?

### National Patient Group Direction (PGD) for Urgent Supply of Repeat Medicines, Appliances and ACBS products

The new controlled drug, tapentadol (Palexia®) has been added to the list of excluded drugs in section 4.7.2 and is not available for supply. There are no other major changes. Please always check the most up to date version of the PGD if you are unsure whether a drug or item is allowed for supply.

### Professional to Professional contact numbers

There are changes to Lanarkshire and some of the Greater Glasgow numbers. Please use the most up to date list which is also available on a secure page on the SHOW website. Please remember that you can use these numbers to request prescriptions or amendments as well as to refer patients to the OOH. Never give these numbers to patients.

### Free Prescription Charges

Remember only patients registered with a Scottish GP are entitled to have access to urgent supply via the PGD and all supplies will be free of charge. Patients not registered with a Scottish GP can still access medication via the emergency supply legislation.

Provided the patient is registered with a Scottish GP, repeat medication prescribed by other prescribers can be supplied under the terms of the PGD – for example, hormonal contraception.

### GP Fax numbers and prescriber codes

Pharmacy staff are reminded that a copy of the CP(US) must be forwarded to the patient's prescriber at the first available opportunity to allow their staff to update patient notes (Step by Step Guide v9 Step 8 notes).

All GP fax numbers and prescriber codes required to complete the CP(US) process are available on the SHOW community pharmacy website.

### Individual authorisation form

Please complete one form giving the pharmacy name and contractor code of your normal work location, tick the Health Board you work in, plus indicate your position within the pharmacy and fax to the relevant number. You can use one form for up to three Health Boards. Tick up to three boxes and fax to each board you wish to use the PGD in.

**Contractors must ensure that at least one pharmacist has named their premises or payment cannot be issued if a supply is made via the PGD.** Pharmacists have until the end of December 2011 to sign version 12 or payment will be stopped (unless the PGD is signed and faxed before a supply is made). Individual pharmacists are reminded that they **must sign** the most recent version of the PGD, which is issued twice every year. If you do not sign and fax each time the PGD is issued, and continue to use the CP(US) forms for supply under this PGD, you will be acting illegally.

Use your GPhC number on the Authorisation form and on CP(US) forms.