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MEDwatch is the e-bulletin for all NHS Grampian Staff who are involved with patients and medicine management.

Its aim is to improve the safety of medicines by sharing learning, and encouraging adverse event reporting from all staff groups.

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MHRA Drug Safety Updates

Latest MHRA Drug Safety Updates

- [January 2022](#)
- [February 2022](#)
- [March 2022](#)
- [April 2022](#)
- [May 2022](#)

Recent Medicines Shared Learning Points

If there is the potential for a similar event to occur in your area please share with your teams and discuss what could be done to prevent these events happening to your patients.

- [Clonazepam V Clobazam](#)
Highlighting risks when medicines sound alike and one is prescribed in place of the other in error.
- [Adverse Drug Reactions – Emollient Use – Alcohol Hand Gel](#)
Highlighting the potential risks of using of alcohol hand gel prior to applying emollients and how to report Adverse Drug Reaction (ADRs).

These and all previous medicines Shared Learning Points can be found on the NHS Grampian Medication safety Intranet pages under [Policies, Information and Resources](#).

Steroid Emergency Cards

Previous newsletters have reported on the Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) Steroid Emergency Cards which were delivered to specialties within secondary care, GP practices and community pharmacies last year.

A reminder that information on the use of these Steroid Emergency Cards can be found on the [HIS Webpages](#). A [slide deck](#) is now available to assist teams in delivering training on these cards to staff, however it should be noted that the most up to date information will be found on the HIS website.

The [slide deck](#) is located on the NHS Grampian Medication Safety intranet pages under the section [Steroid Emergency Card](#).

Arrangement are being made locally regarding future orders for these cards and information on re-ordering will be shared in due course.

Insulin Safety Week – 2nd-8th May 2022

Raising Awareness to Reduce Insulin Errors

Insulin Safety week took place on 2-8th May this year and the theme was “Raising Awareness to Reduce Insulin Errors”.

You can find a range of training at the [Diabetes Hub via Turas](#) which includes modules on the Subcutaneous Insulin Prescription and Administration Record (SIPAR) used within NHS Grampian, subcutaneous insulin management and intravenous insulin as well as other diabetes related resources. You can use the link above or this QR code to access the Diabetes Hub from a mobile device.



In order to reduce insulin errors we need to understand the types of errors occurring and where in the process we can make changes. Remember to report insulin adverse events via [Datix](#) so we can learn from adverse events.

If you have social media search #ISW2022 to catch up on posts about Insulin Safety Week.

NHS Grampian Self-Administration of Medicines (SAM) in Hospital Policy

The NHS Grampian Policy for Self-Administration of Medicines (SAM) in Hospital has recently been approved and is available on the [NHS Grampian Formulary Policies](#) page.

It aims to enable departments to safely implement self-administration of medicines schemes in order to allow patients who are able, to participate in self-care with their medicines and empower them to be involved in the decision making relating to these medicines.

Self-administration of medicines takes a person centred approach enabling patients who usually take medicines at home to continue to manage these themselves while in hospital and to allow patients who are started on medicines in hospital the opportunity to become confident in managing their new medicines before they are discharged home.

Policy and resource links below:

[NHS Grampian Policy For Self Administration Of Medicines \(SAM\) In Hospital](#)

[Appendix 1](#)

[Appendix 2](#)

[Appendix 3](#)

[Appendix 5](#)

[Appendix 6](#)

[Self Administration of Medicines in Hospital Training Slides](#)