



Pharmacy Services

Community Pharmacy

Weekly Script

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MEET THE TEAM – Jacqueline Seenan



What is your current role? Principal Pharmacist, Prescribing Development & Education – I lead the team that develops, coordinates and delivers pharmacy education & training across the directorate. I'm also responsible for governance for Non - Medical Prescribing with nurse/AHP colleagues.

How long have you worked in pharmacy? Since 1991, starting as a hospital basic grade rotational post covering clinical/dispensary areas, mental health & aseptic. I then worked as a clinical pharmacist in medical wards, care of the elderly, orthopaedics & anticoagulant & pre-op clinics. I took on a role as a medicines information pharmacist from 2000-2005 with a clinical commitment to cover paediatrics then undertook a secondment in 2016 acting as lead pharmacist for medicines utilisation. I also had a brief period managing the antimicrobial pharmacy team.

What is the best part of your job? I enjoy teaching and facilitating training sessions, being an assessor and seeing staff develop. I love that my work spans hospital, primary care and now making links with community pharmacy. I get the opportunity to work locally with pharmacy and multi-disciplinary teams and also link nationally with education colleagues in other boards and with NES.

What do you do to relax outside of work? I love the outdoors – gardening, walking and running! I'm known to be at an occasional Park Run. I do Pilates, yoga, spin classes and some swimming. Church activities keep me busy too. I'm most relaxed at home, cooking for family and friends. I've some close colleagues, now great friends which is what has made working in Ayrshire & Arran over the years so enjoyable!

COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

Tues 4th

- Class 3 drug alert - Sildenafil 100mg

Wed 5th

- Class 2 Drug alert – Dacarbazine solution for injection
- Clinical PCT – Qtr 1 complaints

GOOD NEWS STORY – TOWNHEAD PHARMACY KILWINNING

The introduction of a vending machine and text messaging service at Townhead Pharmacy in Kilwinning has proved to be a welcome and convenient addition for prescription collection by patients. This has been of particular value to a patient with a hearing impairment, who had found it challenging to determine if his ordered prescription had been received and was ready for collection by the pharmacy. Having a hearing impairment had created difficulties when phoning the pharmacy to check if his prescription was ready and in turn led to the patient making numerous early and unnecessary trips to the pharmacy. The addition of the vending machine and text message service has meant that this patient now receives a text message when his prescription is ready and can collect anytime at his leisure using the vending machine. This has made a really difference to the patient and really shows how modern technologies within pharmacy can support patients with additional needs and busy lifestyles. Well done to the team in Townhead!

Key Messages

(Repeat message) Midazolam 10mg/ml oromucosal liquid (Epistatus)

The above liquid is now licensed and available (via specials suppliers) as pre-filled syringes which contain 2.5mg in 0.25ml, 5mg in 0.5ml, 7.5mg in 0.75ml and 10mg/ml. A full prefilled syringe, given as a single dose is the preferred choice however in certain circumstances, the 5ml bottle (with 4 syringes) may be prescribed.

Please be aware that there are 4 DIFFERENT sizes / strengths available!

All strengths are now licensed however at present only the 10mg/1ml prefilled syringe appears in the BNF-C. The prefilled syringes are not graduated, so can only be used to administer the full volume they contain.

The pediatric epilepsy service are having reports of parents being given prefilled syringes from which they have to decant the prescribed dose. This is not appropriate. If a prefilled syringe of the correct dose is not available then the 5ml bottle should be prescribed.

Community Pharmacists can contact Marie Stewart or Alison Lockett, Pediatric Pharmacists, via the switchboard (01563821133) at UHC for further information.

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