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Happy Pharmacy Technician Day 2024!



This week saw the celebration of Pharmacy Technician Day, which this year fell on Tuesday 15th October.

This was a day to acknowledge our pharmacy technicians and the great work done on a daily basis supporting the profession and delivering excellent patient care.

On the subject of pharmacy technicians, a reminder that nominations are open for 'Pharmacy Technician of the year' award hosted by the Scottish Healthcare Awards.



Wednesday 20th November 2024

The application form is attached to this e-mail.

Community Pharmacy Good News
Stories!



Good News Stories – Now even easier!

As you all know, we like to highlight Good News Stories in the Weekly Script to shine a spotlight on instances where one or more members of our Community Pharmacy teams have displayed high levels of patient care.

We appreciate that days are busy and such examples can come and go without particular focus. As a result, we've made the process of informing us of such occasions easier, by way of an MS form. Either scan the QR code, or follow the link [here](#) to provide some.

THIS WEEK'S COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

- Monday 14th October: **aa.cpteam** – Prescribing Flash 128
- Tuesday 15th October: **ClinicalPCT** – Christmas and New Year Opening Times 2024/2025
 - : **ClinicalPCT** – Misplaced prescription notification
 - : **ClinicalPCT** – Update from Digital Services
- Wednesday 16th October: **ClinicalPCT** – Further update from Digital Services

This Weeks Key Messages

Community Pharmacy Screening Group

The community pharmacy screening group met last week to review community pharmacy incidents from the past few months. We have committed to sharing the themes of incidents and also key learnings or good practice suggestions following these meetings.

INCIDENT: A patient who had been receiving a weekly prescription for some time was changed to twice weekly. This change was not noticed by the community pharmacy team and therefore the patient continued to get weekly quantities instead of the (smaller) twice weekly quantities intended by the prescriber.

LEARNING: Ensure current prescriptions are always reviewed even when they are for a 'regular' patient.

INCIDENT: Epilim standard tablets were dispensed to a patient when the prescription was for Epilim Chrono.

LEARNING: Take extra care when different formulations of the same drug are available for selection. In this case the pharmacy team involved have now separated the storage locations of these two similar products.

INCIDENT: 2 separate children were given incorrect doses of medicines due to PMR short codes defaulting to standard doses (one child was intended to get a 1ml dose but the label had been generated showing 1 5ml spoonful). The second incident was due to locum pharmacist who was used to working in a pharmacy where product selection was checked by scanning technology but on this occasion the pharmacy did not have this technology so the incorrect strength was not noticed by the pharmacist.

LEARNING: Consider the patient (paediatric in this case) and also ensure you are aware of the technology (or not) you are working with.

INCIDENT: A patient received and out of date injection (the medicine was administered). This was due in part to the pharmacy involved relying on stock takers to date check medicines.

LEARNING: While the service specification for stocktakes may include date code checking, this should not be a substitute for pharmacies own date code checking and the professional responsibility for this lies with the responsible pharmacist and therefore should form part of a final accuracy check.

Funded PhD Opportunity

There is an excellent opportunity for a funded, salaried PhD studentship at the University of Edinburgh and is part of the well-established Edinburgh Clinical Academic Track (ECAT) programme. It is now open to all NHAHP, Pharmacy (Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians), Psychology and Healthcare Scientists. Applications should be submitted by 29th October 2024 and interviews will be 5th December 2024.

The opportunity:

Funding is provided for a preparatory period (typically three months full-time) when selection of supervisors and planning of the PhD project are optimised with the support of ECAT directors before beginning the three-year PhD project. Following the PhD, salary funding may be available for up to two years of postdoctoral research.

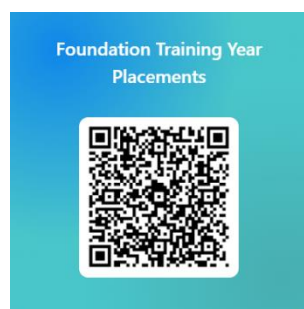
Your skills and attributes for success:

- You must demonstrate a commitment to a research career.
- You must be academically ready to undertake a PhD.
- You must be registered to practice in the UK with the relevant professional body.
- You must have the support of your health board, where relevant.

[ECAT-i PhD Fellowships for Health and Care Professionals - University of Edinburgh Careers \(oraclecloud.com\)](https://oraclecloud.com)

Education and Training: FTY Information Request

Trainee pharmacists starting their FTY from July 2025 will require both, a designated supervisor (DS) and a **designated prescribing practitioner (DPP)** during their PLP when the GPhC prescribing learning outcomes will be assessed. The DS may also be the DPP if appropriately qualified. We are keen to understand the current position of placements, supervisors and DPPs in Community Pharmacy. Please could contractors follow the [link](#) or scan the QR Code to fill in a 2 minute questionnaire to provide this information? Keen for responses from all contractors even if it's nil response.



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