

Community Pharmacy Update

Please share this update with the wider pharmacy team including reliefs and locum pharmacists

ACTION REQUIRED: Pre-Quit Registration on PCR for Smoking Cessation

At the Pre-Quit Registration stage on PCR for the Smoking Cessation Service, please remember to ask patients about their previous use of smoking cessation products.

There is a drop-down menu within the registration screen where this information can be recorded. It is important that this section is completed at the point of sign-up, as it forms part of the registration process and helps ensure accurate service data.

Please see the screenshot of PCR below:

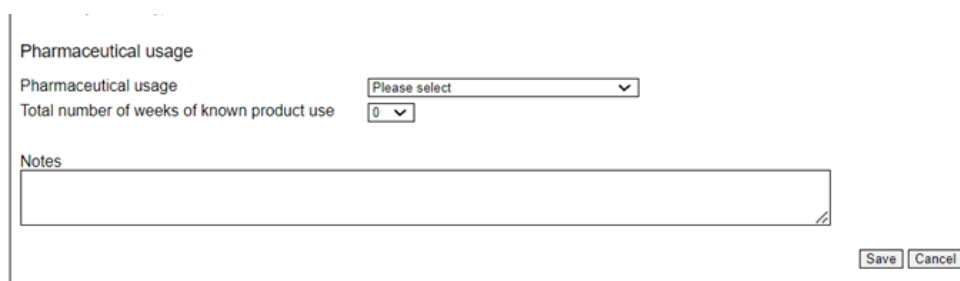


Figure 10-3: Smoking Cessation Pre-Quit Registration

ACTION REQUIRED: L3 MAR Service

It has been brought to the CP team's attention that some MAR charts are not fully compliant with the service specification regarding the recording of administration times. I have included an example below of administration times that would **not** be acceptable on a MAR chart under the current service specification:

Returned	TIME
0800	
1200	
1800	
2200	

The service specification states:

"Administration times must be stated as morning, lunchtime, teatime, and bedtime NOT specific times (e.g. 9am, 12pm, 6pm, and 9pm) to allow for any slight variation in carer attendance at individuals home. Note: Some medicines may require specific times e.g. Parkinson's medicines."

Please revise the service specification for L3 MAR service with your teams and ensure this is followed. Please click the link below:

[V5.0-Medication-Administration-Record-Charts.doc](#)

Information from Previous Communications

ACTION REQUIRED: Community Pharmacy Network Event

We are delighted to invite you and your team to our **Community Pharmacy Network Event** on **Thursday 3 September 2026** at CentreStage, Kilmarnock. The evening will begin with a buffet and refreshments from **5.30pm**, followed by the main event from **6.30pm**.

This will be a fantastic opportunity for the whole pharmacy team to come together, network with colleagues from across Ayrshire and Arran, hear about key developments in community pharmacy, and celebrate the important contribution made by our workforce every day.

For pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, the event will also provide valuable learning and reflection opportunities that can support your **CPD and professional development**.

All members of the pharmacy team and regular locums are welcome to attend. We encourage contractors to support attendance from across their teams.

📅 Thursday 3 September 2026

📍 CentreStage, 15 Elmbank Drive, Kilmarnock, KA1 3AE

🕒 Buffet and refreshments from 5.30pm

🕒 Event starts at 6.30pm

Please register using this link: [2026 Community Pharmacy Network Event](#) or by scanning the QR code below.

We look forward to seeing you there.



ACTION REQUIRED: Change to LMWH Formulary Choice

Work is underway to support a transition from Dalteparin to Enoxaparin as the preferred treatment-dose low molecular weight heparin (LMWH). Over the coming months, preparations will focus on ensuring a smooth and safe implementation across services. In anticipation of this change, pharmacies may wish to review their current Dalteparin stock levels and consider reducing future orders where appropriate.

INFORMATION: Cervical Screening Self-Sampling Kits

Cervical screening self-sampling kits are now available in selected GP practices across Ayrshire & Arran.

Posters promoting this service will be distributed to pharmacies located near participating GP practices during the Community Pharmacy Team's next quarterly visits.

Please refer to the leaflet attached to this email for further information about the service, including details of the GP practices currently offering self-sampling kits.

INFORMATION: Steroid Emergency Card

Adrenal Crisis is a medical emergency and failure to recognise and treat promptly can be fatal.

Information and printable steroid cards can be found by clicking the link below:

[HIS-steroid-emergency-card-appendix-aw6458.pdf](#)

INFORMATION: Bedfont Smokerlyzer® Breath CO Testing Devices Information

D-Piece® Replacement Requirements

To maintain effective infection control standards, the D-Piece® MUST BE REPLACED at least once every month.

- Replace the D-Piece® every month regardless of usage levels
- Inspect regularly for signs of contamination, wear or damage
- Replace immediately if contamination or damage is suspected
- Use only genuine Bedfont-approved replacement components.

Approved Cleaning Products

Only alcohol-free cleaning wipes should be used when cleaning Smokerlyzer® equipment.

Recommended examples include: Clinell Universal Alcohol-Free Wipes, Azomax Universal Wipes (by Vernacare), Clinell Universal Wipes (by Gama Healthcare), Clinell Clorox Wipes (by Gama Healthcare), AF3 Sani-cloth Germicidal Disposable Wipe (by PDI).

Critical Warning – Alcohol-Based Products

DO NOT use products containing any form of alcohol on or near the Smokerlyzer® device.

Exposure to alcohol can adversely affect sensor performance and may result in inaccurate readings, premature sensor degradation or device damage.

Clinical Environment Considerations

- Ensure hands are dry and free from alcohol sanitiser residue before testing.
- Avoid use of aerosolised alcohol products in the testing area.
- Ensure nearby surfaces have not recently been treated with alcohol-based products.
- Store the device away from alcohol-containing products whenever possible.

Summary

- ✓ Replace the D-Piece® monthly.
- ✓ Use only alcohol-free cleaning wipes.
- ✓ Follow Bedfont cleaning recommendations.
- ✓ Keep alcohol-containing products away from the device.

- X Do not use alcohol wipes.
- X Do not use alcohol sprays.
- X Do not use alcohol-based disinfectants.
- X Do not use alcohol hand sanitisers near the device.

Technical Support

For further information, replacement consumables or technical assistance, please contact:

Intermedical (UK) Ltd

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ACTION REQUIRED: Renew ePharmacy Certificates by 25th Aug 2026

"The ePharmacy root certificate is due to expire on 14 September 2026. To avoid any disruption to ePharmacy services, affected pharmacies must renew and install their replacement certificate by Tuesday 25 August 2026.

Moreover, it's important to note that without this certificate, ePharmacy messaging will not function properly. This means that you will be unable to submit claims or request prescriptions electronically. Consequently, no payment claims for electronic-only services can be processed. This situation will directly impact pharmacy reimbursement as well as overall usability.

Please note:

- **Boots, Well and Rowlands** – Your IT Department will manage the renewal.
- **Rx Web** – Lanas will handle the certificates for ePMS access and messaging. However, the client certificates for PCR UA need to be installed on the local desktop and are specific to each pharmacy.
- **Cegedim Rx Pharmacy Manager** - The central message broker will have their certificate renewed by the central Cegedim team.
- **Positive Solutions and Proscript** - Users are required to follow their usual process and the outlined details in the PIN letter sent for certificate renewal.
- **Superdrug** – Your PMR supplier will assist in your certificate renewal.
- **Asda** - Your PMR supplier will assist with your certificate renewal."

Please click here for more information:

[NSS: Renew ePharmacy Certificates by 25th August 2026 | Community Pharmacy Scotland](#)

RECENT COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

Monday 13th July – aa.cpteam – Drug Alert Class 2 No 34 – Beckton Dickson UK Ltd – Chloraprep 2% W/V 70% V/V cutaneous solution 1ml applicator

Tuesday 14th July – ClinicalPCT - Circular PCA2026-(P)-10

Tuesday 21st July – aa.cpteam – Drug Alert Class 4 No 35 – Macarthy's Laboratories Ltd T/A Martindale Pharma – Xaggitin XL prolonged release tablets

Thursday 23rd July – aa.cpteam – Drug Alert Class 4 No 36 – Neuraxpharm UK Ltd – Tuzulby prolonged release tablets

Wednesday 22nd July – ClinicalPCT – Pharmacy PIN

Friday 24th July- ClinicalPCT – Fairwarning stop-press and PCA2026-(P)-11 extension to Ramipril 1.25mg SSP

Friday 31st July – aa.cpteam – PHS Health Protection Alert regarding falsified Rabies vaccine in the Philippines

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