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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 Safety Roundup

Latest MHRA Roundups:

- [November 2025](#)
- [October 2025](#)

- [September 2025](#)

## Alerts, Notices & Shared Learning

National Patient Safety Alert: Harm from incorrect recording of a penicillin allergy as a penicillamine allergy

Following a recent [NatPSA](#) we are reminding staff of the [HEPMA User Alert](#) issued last year which offered guidance on how to avoid the mis-selection of penicillamine for a penicillin allergy and vice versa, and how to review allergy status within HEPMA.

The NatPSA has actions for both Secondary and Primary care, NHS Grampian is already meeting most of the requirements detailed in the NatPSA and working on the remaining requirements.

### Shared Learning Summaries: Rivaroxaban

This shared learning summary, relevant to both Primary and Secondary Care aims to highlight the importance of clearly documenting and actioning when a change of dose is required after a set period of time.

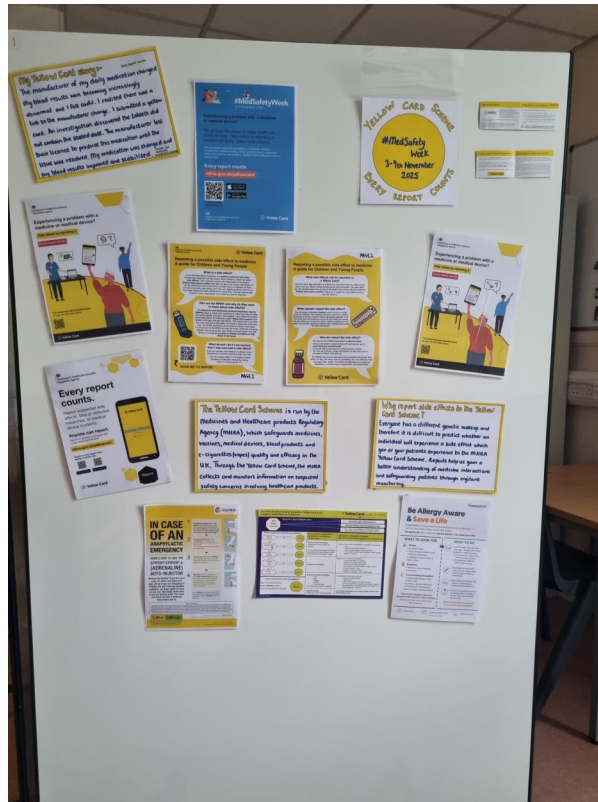
### [Rivaroxaban Shared Learning](#)

## #MedSafetyWeek 3rd - 9th November

As highlighted in the previous edition of MedWatch #MedSafetyWeek took place 3rd -9th November. Thank you to all sites that participated raising awareness of reporting adverse drug reactions to the MHRA via the [Yellow Card Scheme](#).

Some of the activities include:

- Vaccination centres across Aberdeenshire put up displays for patients and staff (photos from Garioch attached)
- Services in Moray engaged with the ADR Turas eLearning modules
- Pharmacists within ARI visited wards handing out the Yellow Card information cards and a poster re: medicines eLearning available to staff.



## MEDICATION SAFETY WEEK

### NHS GRAMPIAN

We can all help make medicines safer

3 – 9 November 2025

<h4>ADRENAL CRISIS</h4> <p>Recognition, prevention and treatment. Learning resource: <a href="https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/82661">https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/82661</a></p>	<h4>VANCOMYCIN</h4> <p>Prescribing, administration and monitoring. Learning resource: <a href="https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/3888">https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/3888</a></p>	<h4>GENTAMICIN</h4> <p>Prescribing, administration and monitoring. Learning resource: <a href="https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/3888">https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/3888</a></p>
<h4>FRIDGES</h4> <p>Safe storage of medicines in the fridge. Learning resource: <a href="https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/53122">https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/53122</a></p>	<h4>YELLOW CARD</h4> <p>Adverse drug reaction reporting. Learning resource: <a href="https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/54719">https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/54719</a></p>	<h4>MEDICINES RECONCILIATION</h4> <p>Completing with two accurate sources. Learning resource: <a href="https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/368">https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/368</a></p>

## New Toolbox Talk: Time Critical Medicines

A new toolbox talk has been created by NHS Grampian providing a brief awareness of the use of time critical medicines and that any delay in their administration will have a significant impact on the patient's symptoms.

All clinical staff are encouraged to complete this short [eToolbox talk: time critical medicines](#) [| Turas](#) [| Learn](#)

## New or Updated Medicines Policies/Guidance

A reminder that medicines policies and guidelines are found on the [Medicines Management A-Z Policies Pages](#), this is where the most up to date versions are held and staff are asked to access medicines guidelines and policies from this site.

Recently updated documents:

- [Guideline for the Management of Omitted or Delayed Medicines by Staff Working Within NHS Grampian](#)
  - [Prevention of Omitted Doses Poster](#)
- [Procedure for NHS Grampian Staff to Follow When Using Potassium Permanganate Within NHS Grampian In-patient Areas](#)
- [Policy for Self-Administration of Medicines \(SAM\) in Hospital by All Staff Working Within NHS Grampian](#)
- [Policy For Handling Vaccines And Refrigerated Pharmaceutical Products For All Staff Working in NHS Grampian](#)

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