

Non—Medical Prescribers Current Awareness Quarterly

The bulletin aims to provide NHS information support for evidence-based practice to Non-Medical Prescribers

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GUIDANCE

[Controlled drugs: safe use and management \(NG46\)](#)

[Patient Group Directions](#) MPG2 – medicines management – from the 1999 report

[New Competency Framework for all Prescribers](#)
<http://bit.ly/29CXadn>

CLINICAL KNOWLEDGE SUMMARIES

These have prescribing information in them relating to specific conditions/diseases and the drugs administered/considered for treatment
<http://cks.nice.org.uk/#?char=A>

QUALITY STANDARDS

[Medicines optimisation \(QS120\)](#)

[Bronchiolitis in children \(QS122\)](#)

BNF & BNFC UPDATED MONTHLY

[Significant changes](#)
[Dose changes](#)
[Classification changes](#)
[New names](#)
[Deleted preparations](#)
[New preparations](#)



<https://www.evidence.nhs.uk/formulary/bnf/current/general-information-and-changes/changes>

TECHNOLOGY APPRAISALS

Technology appraisals are recommendations on the use of new and existing medicines and treatments within the NHS.

These can be:

- * Medicines, medical devices (hearing aids or inhalers)
- * diagnostic techniques
- * surgical procedures
- * health promotion activities

<http://bit.ly/2cBBxkr>

MEDICINES & PRESCRIBING ALERTS

An alerts service to keep you up-to-date with a range of medicines and prescribing-related topics including:

- * Evidence summaries: new medicines
- * Evidence summaries: unlicensed / off-label medicines

<http://bit.ly/2ctvjlr>

SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS

[Non-medical prescribing versus medical prescribing for acute and chronic disease management in primary and secondary care \[Cochrane Protocol\]](#)

[Policy evolution and role of independent non-medical prescribing in the United Kingdom: a mixed methods systematic review](#)

Evidence summaries for unlicensed or off-label medicine

Hormone-sensitive metastatic prostate cancer: docetaxel

Randomised controlled trial (RCT) data suggest that docetaxel improves overall survival and time to disease progression in men with hormone-sensitive metastatic prostate cancer. Two RCTs found that, compared with androgen deprivation therapy (ADT) alone, docetaxel combined with ADT statistically significantly improved overall survival by around 10–15 months in this population. No statistically significant difference was seen between the groups in another, smaller RCT. Time to disease progression was statistically significantly longer with docetaxel plus ADT compared with ADT alone in all 3 RCTs. These findings are reinforced by a meta-analysis of the RCTs. <http://bit.ly/29FJ77j>

Evidence summaries—medicines prescribing briefing

Pulmonary hypertension in neonates: sildenafil

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Chronic wounds: advanced wound dressings and antimicrobial dressings

This evidence summary discusses the best available evidence for advanced wound dressings and antimicrobial dressings for managing common chronic wounds (diabetic foot ulcers, pressure ulcers, venous leg ulcers and infected wounds). It includes evidence and recommendations from national guidance (if available) and the most up-to-date systematic reviews and meta-analyses (search date July 2015).

Evidence summaries—new medicines

Prevention of chemotherapy induced nausea and vomiting in adults: netupitant/palonosetron

Netupitant/palonosetron shows statistically significant benefits compared with palonosetron alone (both in combination with dexamethasone) in people receiving emetogenic chemotherapy, mainly in the prevention of delayed nausea and vomiting. There are limited data comparing netupitant/palonosetron with other neurokinin-1 receptor antagonists (such as, aprepitant) and 5-HT₃ receptor antagonists (such as ondansetron or granisetron) given in combination. Netupitant/palonosetron capsules are given as a single dose prior to each chemotherapy cycle.

Inflammatory lesions of papulopustular rosacea: ivermectin 10 mg/g cream

In 2 randomised controlled trials (RCTs) ivermectin cream was statistically significantly more effective than vehicle cream (placebo) in improving rosacea severity score and reducing inflammatory lesion count. In another RCT, ivermectin was superior to metronidazole cream at reducing lesion count and improving rosacea severity score. Local adverse events, including skin burning sensation, skin irritation, pruritus and dry skin, are common, although these are mostly transient, mild to moderate in severity and usually decrease when treatment is continued.

Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in children and young people: guanfacine prolonged-release

Guanfacine prolonged-release (Intuniv) is a non-stimulant treatment for children and young people with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). In 3 short-term, randomised controlled trials (RCTs) it was more effective than placebo at improving ADHD symptoms, although a beneficial effect on social functioning was not consistently shown. The most frequently reported adverse reactions for guanfacine prolonged-release were somnolence, headache, fatigue, upper abdominal pain and sedation. Serious adverse reactions include hypotension, weight increase, bradycardia and syncope. No studies directly compared the efficacy and safety of guanfacine prolonged-release with other active treatments for ADHD.

JOURNALS

Nurse Prescribing is the monthly, peer-reviewed journal solely dedicated to addressing the



clinical and professional issues relevant to nurses with prescribing skills and responsibilities.

<http://www.nurseprescribing.com/>

Access via NHS Athens

library.pgh@midyorks.nhs.uk for details.

NICE JOURNALS AND DATABASES

Within **NHS Evidence** the journals and databases are accessible **with your NHS Athens account**. My Journals gives you: access to full text electronic journals and e-books available to NHS staff, free at the point of use; details also of print journals available in your health library. <http://www.library.nhs.uk/booksandjournals/journals/default.aspx>

Nurse Prescribing content links June/July 2016

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[Cost-effectively prescribing treatments for managing COPD](#)

[Pharmacological options for encouraging smokers to quit](#)

[Introducing nurse independent and supplementary prescribing to Jersey](#)

[Prescribers' SPaCE: Sharing practice and continuing education for multidisciplinary prescribers](#)

[What constitutes good evidence? A brief guide for the nurse prescriber](#)

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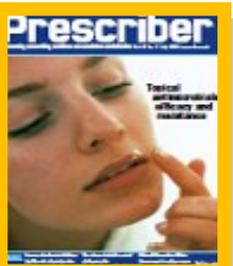
[Pharmacological options for managing type 2 diabetes](#)

[Managing diabetes in people with mental health problems](#)

[Safe and cost-effective prescribing for the management of wounds](#)

[Palliative care: Medicines for actively dying patients without pain](#)

Prescriber is the leading UK journal for healthcare professionals focussing on prescribing and medicines management.



The journal features articles on all areas of therapeutics and prescribing policy and is fully peer reviewed.

The content is relevant and of interest to all prescribers and prescribing policy makers including GPs, pharmacists, nurses and hospital specialists.

Access to all content is free to healthcare professionals following registration for NHS Athens

<https://openathens.nice.org.uk/>
<http://www.prescriber.co.uk/>

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[CQC and BMA set out their positions on GP inspections](#)

[Research consortium offers new hope for Parkinson's disease](#)

[New from Nice](#)

[Assessment and treatment of uterine fibroids](#)

[Role of albiglutide in the treatment of type 2 diabetes](#)

[Modern management of juvenile idiopathic arthritis](#)

[The expanding role of nurse prescribers](#)

[Introducing more openness in commercial relationships](#)

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[Brexit: trial and error](#)

[Causes and management of chronic pain](#)

[Guanfacine to control ADHD in children and adolescents](#)

[Immune checkpoint inhibitors: a new class of anticancer drug](#)

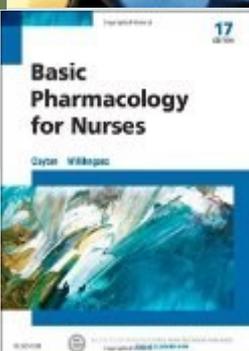
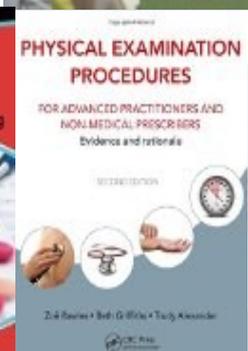
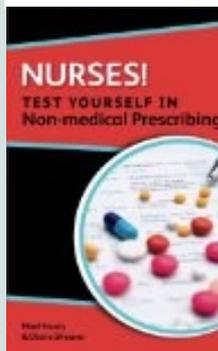
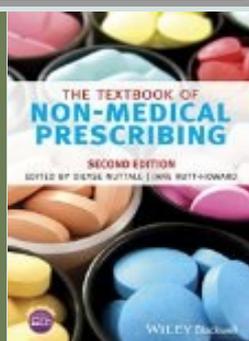
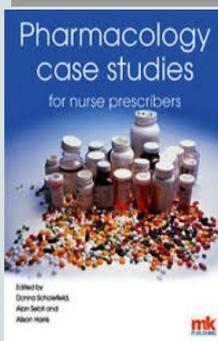
[Management of female-pattern hair loss](#)

[The expanding role of pharmacists in care homes](#)

[Topical antibacterial and antiviral agents: prescribing and resistance](#)

BOOKS: search our catalogue on

<http://midyorks.nhslibraries.com/>



Useful links

<http://www.nurseprescriberforum.co.uk/> Forum produced by nurse prescribers for nurse prescribers, discussing portfolios, courses and jobs etc

<http://www.rpharms.com/professional-development-and-education/pharmacist-prescribing-group.asp>

Discussion group within the RPC website, focuses primarily on pharmacist prescribers

<https://twitter.com/PrescribersUK> Twitter account belonging to the association of prescribers UK

<https://www.facebook.com/Association-for-Prescribers-1488816731383242/> Facebook pages of the association of prescribers in the UK—'Helping prescribers reach their full potential'

<http://www.anp.org.uk> 'Association for Prescribers' formally known as The Association for Nurse Prescribing

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