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Minor Ailment Service Formulary: Version 4, 2011

The 2011 version 4 of the local MAS formulary has been reviewed and will be sent to all community pharmacies during early September. Please retain this new version and discard all previous copies of the 2009 (or 2007!) issue.

Changes to the document are mainly alternatives for discontinued products, update to the head lice policy and changes to the preferred drug list for medical prescribers which are now reflected in the 2011 MAS formulary. We have also added sodium chloride nasal drops.

Each pharmacy will be posted a copy in due course, but if any second pharmacist, relief or locum pharmacist would wish their own copy, please contact CPDT on 0141 201 5210 or by emailing GG-UHB.cpdevteam@nhs.net and provide contact details for posting.

Short Dated Dispensed Items

Community pharmacy staff are requested to be vigilant when dispensing short dated products to patients, particularly when the length of treatment can be several months. Dispensary staff must ensure that the product will remain in date for the length of time that the treatment will be required. E.g. HRT which can be supplied up to 6 months at a time or Hydroxocobalamin injection, dispense one box of 5 ampoules, inject one every 3 months. This supply will therefore, be required for 15 months treatment period and as such, the product must have be in date to cover 15 months.

In some cases no dose will be specified and clarification should be sought from the patient or prescriber as to frequency of dosing and thus length of course required determined.

CMS Clinical Support Resources

Materials that have been circulated at the recent clinical support training evenings for CMS are now available on the CPDT intranet website for independent pharmacy contractors to access. Hard copies were posted direct to each national multiple pharmacy for their information.

These resources have been developed as aids to help community pharmacists with their care planning component of the services and include generic care plans and aide memoires.

Thanks are extended to colleagues in NHS Ayrshire and Arran and NHS Tayside for their help in producing some of the material.

Training events will continue until March and will cover the topics listed in the Scottish Government document, “Establishing Effective Therapeutic Partnerships”. Further details will be made available for each event in due course.

Canestan®/ Betnovate® “Specials”

Colleagues at the Western Infirmary Pharmacy Production Unit are receiving increasing number of requests for specials made up of Canestan® and Betnovate®. PPU are advising that community pharmacists discuss such requests with the prescriber as there is a proprietary brand of the drugs in similar strengths available, Lotriderm® (betamethasone 0.05%, clotrimazole 1%). Unlicensed products should only be used where there are no suitable licensed products available. A change in prescription to Lotriderm will remove the need to supply an unlicensed product from the PPU, as well as being a more cost-effective alternative.

Unsigned CP2 forms

It has been brought to the attention of the Health Board that there remain a high number of CP2 forms being submitted for the Minor Ailment Service which are unsigned by the pharmacist. In NHS GG&C, this equates to almost 2% of the CP2 forms written.

All pharmacists are reminded that a signature is required on all CP2 requests to authorise the supply or provision of the service. Please ensure that each CP2 form is signed before submission to PSD for payment.

Protecting Scotland's Travellers Abroad

This is the first of 3 articles describing how the Health Protection Scotland Travel Health team is helping to protect the health of Scottish travellers abroad.

The Travel Health team at Health Protection Scotland are experts in travel associated public health and are concerned with both outbound and returning travellers, as well as port health arrangements, for those visiting or arriving in Scotland. The team maintain up-to-the-minute information on global travel health issues and make recommendations on vaccinations and malaria prevention. Specifically they:

- Produce the TRAVAX® (www.travax.nhs.uk) and fitfortravel® (www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk) websites for health care professionals and the general public respectively
- Provide the 'TRAVAX support' line. The line is run from 14:00 – 16:00 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (0141 300 1130). Its aim is to provide additional help for those already using TRAVAX. Typical helpline queries include, interrupted vaccine schedules, vaccine and malaria advice for those with complex itineraries, young children or during pregnancy and post exposure rabies treatment.
- Are responsible for the staff training, accreditation and audit of over 200 Yellow Fever Vaccination Centres (YFVC) in Scotland. Anyone wishing to become a YFVC (including pharmacists) can do so by application through the HPS website: www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/yellowfever/index.aspx
- Support the Travel Clinic at the Brownlee Centre, Gartnavel General Hospital in Glasgow. The Brownlee Clinic is run from 9:30-12:30, Tuesday mornings and provides pre-travel advice for travellers with special needs, medical problems or complicated travel itineraries. Travellers should contact their GP practice in the first instance, to discuss their travel plans and make an appointment to receive any vaccinations appropriate for their destinations available to them on the NHS before being referred to the clinic if necessary. A charge is made for all vaccinations in the Brownlee clinic.

Standards for the Supervision of Substitution Therapies in Community Pharmacies

The 2011 'Standards for the Supervision of Substitution Therapies in Community Pharmacies' will shortly be produced. This document provides information and guidance for Community Pharmacists and their staff who are involved in the provision of services for opiate and alcohol dependence. It is a useful point of reference for both pharmacy and addiction staff and provide information on the various substitution services pharmacies can provide, standards for how these services should be delivered, supervision protocols, controlled drug guidance e.g. prescription wording, guidance on when the prescriber should be contacted, useful contact numbers/ addresses and other relevant information.

Hard copies of the guidelines are currently being printed and a copy will be sent to all Community Pharmacies across Greater Glasgow and Clyde as well as Addiction Services.

Care of the Elderly Report from Area Pharmaceutical Committee

You will undoubtedly be aware of the Scottish Government's intent to focus on how we look after older people in our society. As a reflection of this NHS GG&C Quality Strategy Group are producing a piece of work, looking at how GG&C can improve the delivery of healthcare to its older people.

The Area Pharmaceutical Committee would like to engage with this work in one instance by preparing a paper. The paper would aim to highlight some of the work being undertaken to optimise pharmaceutical care of the elderly in both primary and secondary care settings in NHS GG&C. We would like to relate 'real life' stories, suitably anonymised, which reflect the challenges met and triumphs delivered by pharmacy every day with further comment describing barriers to service delivery and solutions when appropriate. We are particularly keen to hear about your success stories.

Please use the template attached to this bulletin to tell your 'story' to us and return it by e-mail to val.reilly@ggc.scot.nhs.uk Or post to Val Reilly West House, Gartnavel Royal Hospital Campus 1055 Great Western Road, G12 0XH

Practitioner Services Division (Pharmacy)

The Practitioner Services Division offices, formerly based in Savoy Tower have now moved. The new contact details are:

NHS National Services Scotland
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5 Cadogan Street
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Tel: 0141 207 1615/1616

Please ensure that you update your contact details for the Glasgow office with immediate effect. Thank you