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# A Practical Guide to Effective

# Non Medical Prescribing

## in Cancer Care

### For Current & Aspiring Non Medical Prescribers

Tuesday 11th October 2022      Virtual Conference



#### Chair & Speakers Include:

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*"The benefits of non-medical prescribing in cancer care are clear."*

**Sarah Thompson Lead Haematology Advanced Nurse Practitioner The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust December 2021**

*"Delivering our Long Term Plan commitments and completing the job of recovery from the impact of the pandemic requires cancers being diagnosed faster and earlier, improving quality of life and experience of care, harnessing innovation and reducing regional variation and inequalities...Record high numbers of people have been referred for urgent cancer checks since March 2021 – 10,500 per working day."*

**NHS Cancer programme NHS England: Quarterly Report, September 2021**

*"The dedication and commitment of our expert cancer workforce has meant that we have been able to maintain cancer treatment at close to pre-pandemic levels and to work quickly and efficiently to roll out new and innovative ways of working to keep patients safe."*

**Dame Cally Palmer, Director of the National Cancer Programme, September 2021**

*"The most important value we have is to put cancer patients at the heart of all we do, and this has never been more important than it has been over the last six months. It's been a really challenging time for cancer patients."*

**David Fitzgerald, Programme Director, NHS Cancer Programme September 2021**

This conference focuses on Non Medical Prescribing in Cancer Care. Through national updates and practical case studies the conference will demonstrate how the effective use of nurse prescribing in cancer care can improve patient care, experience and outcomes. The conference will also reflect on how services and prescribing has changed during Covid-19. The conference will focus on developing competence and confidence in non medical prescribing in cancer care, including using the National Competency Framework for all Prescribers. Case study sessions will demonstrate how prescribing practice can be improved for people with cancer and will focus on maintaining and demonstrating prescribing competence, prescribing for pain management, chemotherapy prescribing, Immunotherapy induced side effects and how to manage them, prescribing for co-morbidity and the importance of holistic assessment, prescribing for symptom control, and prescribing in end life care including controlled drugs.

#### **This conference will enable you to:**

- Network with colleagues who are working to improve nurse prescribing practice in cancer care
- Reflect on the changes to prescribing and treatment as a result of Covid-19
- Understand the national context including the national competency framework for prescribers
- Develop your skills and improve competence in prescribing practice
- Understand how to develop prescribing to improve chemotherapy services
- Immunotherapy induced side effects and how to manage them
- Prescribing for co-morbidity
- Improve your skills in the prescribing and prescribing governance
- Examine your role within prescribing at the end of life including symptom control and controlled drugs
- Understand the practicalities of effective prescribing within a clinic setting
- Learn from established prescribing practice in chemotherapy prescribing and developing the role of non medical prescribers in an SACT clinic
- Understand how to audit and demonstrate competence in nurse prescribing practice
- Self assess and reflect on your own practice
- Support CPD professional development and acts as revalidation evidence. This course provides 5 Hrs training for CPD subject to peer group approval for revalidation purposes

## 10.00 Chair's Welcome & Introduction/Nurse/Non Medical Prescribing: Current Developments

**Dr Barry Quinn**

*Senior Lecturer for Cancer & Palliative Care  
Queens University Belfast*

- current developments in nurse/non medical prescribing in cancer care
- developing confidence and competence in your ability to prescribe
- demonstrating compliance with the NMC Code for revalidation
- the national competency framework for all prescribers
- prescribing through Covid-19
- the benefits of nurse prescribing in cancer care

## 10.45 Immunotherapy induced side effects and how to manage them

**Trudy-Jane Guinan**

*Nurse Consultant, IO Lead Nurse  
The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust*

- non medical prescribing improving patient outcomes and experience
- immunotherapy induced side effects and how to manage them
- managing acute oncology emergencies
- case studies in practice

## 11.15 Prescribing for late effects and in cancer survivorship

**Dr Christopher Scrase**

*NHSE Radiotherapy CRG Clinical Member and QI Lead,  
Macmillan Clinical Lead for Cancer Suffolk and NE Essex ICS  
Macmillan Consultant Clinical Oncologist  
East Suffolk & North Essex NHS Foundation Trust*

- clinic supporting patients experiencing long term or late effects of cancer treatment
- prescribing for late effects
- our experience

## 11.45 Small Breakout Groups

- how are you utilising NMP locally within cancer services?
- what are the challenges/successes?

## 11.55 Comfort Break and Virtual Networking

## 12.10 EXTENDED SESSION: Effective prescribing: Competence, Practice & Governance

**Andrea Hilton**

*Reader/Non-Medical Prescribing Programme Director  
Faculty of Health Sciences  
University of Hull*

- what does good prescribing look like?
- using the National Competency Framework for Prescribers as endorsed by the NMC
- the competency framework for designated prescribing practitioners
- supporting governance and accountability
- the required competencies of an individual taking on the DPP role
- self assessment of your prescribing practice
- prescribing governance and accountability
- levels of prescribing competence
- understanding drug interactions and comorbidity
- meet your colleagues – 10 minutes for interactive discussion with fellow delegates

## 12.55 Lunch Break and Virtual Networking

### Case studies: Non Medical/Nurse Prescribing in Cancer Care

## 13.30 Non Medical Prescribing in Acute Oncology

**Alison Taylor**

*Nursing Consultant  
Countess Of Chester Foundation Trust*

- ensuring evidence-based prescribing
- use of steroids in common cancer emergencies
- acute oncology case studies

## 14.00 Non Medical Prescribing within a Nurse Led Clinic

**Andrew Fishburn**

*Macmillan Lead CNS in Head & Neck  
Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust*

- prescribing within nurse led clinics in cancer care: essential considerations
- ensuring you have the competencies and skills required to run your clinic autonomously
- expanding non medical prescribing
- tips for optimising medicines for your patient group
- virtual clinics and reducing the need for hospital admission

## 14.35 Prescribing for Co-Morbidity

**Khuram Amini**

*Consultant Pharmacist Oncology  
The Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust*

- understanding the impact of comorbidity on prescribing decision making
- the importance of holistic history taking and assessment
- case studies in practice

## 15.10 Comfort Break and Virtual Networking

## 15.30 EXTENDED SESSION NMP Prescribing for Chemotherapy/SACT

**Professor Nicola Stoner**

*Consultant Pharmacist  
Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*

- prescribing within pharmacist and nurse led chemotherapy clinics
- toxicity assessment and managing side effects of treatment
- delivering safe, evidenced based and effective care that is patient focused and ensuring that staff feel supported and competent to deliver SACT and supportive therapies
- SACT at home through Covid-19
- non-medical prescriber-led SACT clinics for prostate cancer: improving patients' management and providing flexibility during the Covid-19 pandemic

## 16.10 EXTENDED SESSION: Prescribing in End of life Care and symptom control

**Dr Andrew Tweddle**

*Consultant in Palliative Medicine  
The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust*

- Where does pain fit in with symptoms at end of life?
- WHO analgesic ladder
- Opioids and conversions
- Case study

## 17.10 Close

*There will be time after each speaker session for Questions and Answers*

