**Developing your skills, confidence and competence as a Nurse/Non Medical Prescriber in Cardiology**

**Nurse Prescribing in Cardiology**

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My presentation will explore various issues related to confidence and competence in nurse prescribing in cardiology. I will start with a brief review of the background to non-medical prescribing and will then describe the importance of competence and confidence when prescribing is undertaken by nursing staff.

The presentation will look at the importance of making sure that practice is evidence based and methods of keeping knowledge and skills up to date. The need for audit of prescribing practice will also be described.

The remainder of the presentation will focus on my experience of prescribing in a variety of settings at Harefield Hospital. It will demonstrate how I have used non-medical prescribing to enhance and expand my role, the range of medication that I have prescribed and the benefits of this to patients.

The talk will also include a case study of one of the patients for whom I have prescribed.

The talk will conclude with a discussion of the importance of communication between health care professionals and the impact that taking on this additional role can have.

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