Biography

Dr Deborah Robertson joined the School of Health and Society at the University of Salford, Manchester in March 2018 to teach across pre and post registration programmes. Before this she worked in the faculty of Health and Social Care at University of Chester since 2004, to help teach NMP, as a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Public Health and Wellbeing. Deborah would describe herself as an RGN first and foremost but she also holds a BSc (Hons) and a PhD in Pharmacology. She worked for 3 years as a postdoctoral research fellow in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Dundee and published her work in the area of stress and depression.

She has been teaching on the Non-Medical Prescribing Course for more than 13 years and her teaching areas on the programme focus on her areas of expertise, namely Pharmacology, Legal Aspects of Prescribing and Public Health. She has been part of the North West Collaborative of Higher Education Institutions in NMP since 2004 and has been involved in the development and continued provision of e-learning resources for NMP education. Deborah holds a postgraduate diploma in professional education and her current pedagogical interests involve e-learning and the delivery of the Non-Medical Prescribing Course.

Deborah is co-author, with Paul Barber, of a popular textbook, *Essentials of Pharmacology for Nurses* now in its third edition, published by McGraw- Hill. She has just published her first solo textbook *Essentials of Medicines Management in Mental Health Nursing.*

For the past 6 years Deborah has been consultant editor for the journal of Prescribing Practice (formerly *Nurse Prescribing*) a role which is challenging but one she thoroughly enjoys.

Abstract

**Non-Medical Prescribing in Cancer Care May 2022**

The scope of the presentation is as follows

• what does good prescribing look like?  
• using the National Competency Framework for Prescribers as endorsed by the NMC   
• the new 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

The presentation will explore the key areas of prescribing competence, practice and governance. We will explore the current issues and how, by improving and supporting Non-Medical Prescribing in this area we can address some of these issues. We will also explore the new role of the DPP

Further information around prescribing can be obtained from:

* Current BNF [www.BNF.org](http://www.bnf.org/)
* NPC/NICE site- <http://www.nice.org.uk/mpc/>
* Journal of Prescribing Practice - <https://www.magonlinelibrary.com/loi/jprp>
* Prescribing Competency Framework 2021 [www.rpharms.com/prescribingframework](http://www.rpharms.com/prescribingframework)
* DPP Framework <https://www.rpharms.com/resources/frameworks/designated-prescribing-practitioner-competency-framework>
* Professional Regulatory Body Websites
  + <http://www.nmc-uk.org/>
  + <http://pharmacyregulation.org/>
  + <http://www.hpc-uk.org/>