A Practical Guide to Demonstrating & Improving Nurse Prescribing Competence & Practice

Implementing the National competency framework for all prescribers

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“We propose to adopt the Royal Pharmaceutical Society’s Single competency framework for all prescribers as our new standards of proficiency for nurse and midwife prescribing practice....we anticipate formally adopting the Royal Pharmaceutical Society’s Single competency framework for all prescribers as our practice standards from spring 2018. Education providers may adopt these standards of proficiency as ‘early adopters’ from September 2018, and all programmes would be expected to adopt these standards of proficiency by September 2019.” NMC June 2017

Last year a new and updated Competency Framework to support healthcare professionals to prescribe effectively was published by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. Through national updates, practical case studies and extended expert sessions, this conference focuses on demonstrating and improving nurse prescribing competence and practice – embedding the competency framework, and ten competency dimensions for all nurse prescribers.

“The competency frame work is there to guide you To acquire and maintain competence to be safe, effective prescribers who are able to support patients to get the best outcomes from their medicines. It is there to underpin your professional responsibility for prescribing. It should be used to inform standards, the development of education, and the guidance and advice from regulators, education providers, professional organisations and specialist groups. Also the framework brings professions together and harmonise education for prescribers by offering a competency framework for all prescribers; with this comes shared understanding.” Angela Alexander, Professor of Pharmacy Education, University of Reading, May 2017

“Both the number of medicines prescribed and the complexity of medicine regimens are increasing. The challenges associated with prescribing the right medicines and supporting patients to use them effectively should not be underestimated. There’s lots of evidence to show that much needs to be done to improve the way we prescribe and support patients in effective medicines use.” Ash Soni, President The Royal Pharmaceutical Society

Benefits of attending
This conference will enable you to:

• Network with colleagues who are working to improve prescribing competence and practice
• Understand the national context of your prescribing practice
• Examine how to self assess, reflect and audit prescribing practice against the ten competency dimensions
• Embed the framework into practice and demonstrate competence
• Learn from others to improve prescribing governance and accountability
• Move towards zero harm from prescribing errors
• Develop strategies for improving medicines optimization
• Improve your skills in prescribing for comorbidities
• Improve practice in diagnostic decision making
• Self assess and reflect on your own practice
• Gain CPD accreditation points contributing to professional development and revalidation evidence

100% of delegates at a previous conference on this subject would recommend the event to a colleague

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10.00 Chair’s Welcome
Marion Russell  Medicines Management Advisor

10.10 Supporting healthcare professionals to prescribe effectively: The National Competency Framework for all prescribers
Catherine Picton
Lead author A Competency Framework for All Prescribers, July 2016 and Consultant to RPS

- the updated framework: what has changed?
- what does good prescribing look like? The ten competency dimensions
- how the framework can be used
- levels of prescribing competence
- how the framework fits within professional codes
- how the framework can support revalidation
- moving forward

10.40 Supporting prescribers during and after qualification
Linda Nazarko OBE
Consultant Nurse Physical Healthcare
West London Mental Health NHS Trust

- supporting student prescribers
- supporting the newly qualified prescriber
- identifying and addressing the issues that impede prescribing
- supporting the individual with reflection and self assessment

11.10 Question and answers, followed by tea & coffee at 11.20

11.45 EXTENDED SESSION: Demonstrating competence and using the framework in practice
Prof Angela Alexander
Professor Emerita
University of Reading

- the updated framework: what has changed?
- using the framework to demonstrate competence in non medical prescribing practice
- implementing the framework within different professional groups
- training and educating prescribers to use the framework in practice
- supporting non medical prescribers: infrastructure needed to support the safe and effective development and implementation of non medical prescribing
- developing advanced roles and services around prescribing
- ensuring you have the history-taking, clinical assessment and diagnosis skills to prescribe appropriately and effectively
- keeping your prescribing knowledge up-to-date: accessing education, training and resources

12.00 Lunch break

13.45 EXTENDED INTERACTIVE SESSION: Prescribing Governance and Accountability
Deborah Robertson
Consultant Editor
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- using the prescribing competency dimensions for prescribing governance in practice
- using the framework as part of the NMC revalidation process
- governance of non medical prescribing roles
- electronic prescribing systems and prescribing competence
- demonstrating prescribing governance
- interactive discussion around case studies and examples in practice, and the impact on patient care

14.30 Medicines optimisation: applying wisdom for Aunty Betty
Prof Neal Maskrey
Professor of Evidence-Informed Decision Making
Keele University

- medicines optimisation - why it is different to medicines management
- polypharmacy: the issues affecting vulnerable people
- how understanding decision making can help improve medicines optimisation

15.00 Increasing the skills, knowledge and competence of junior doctor prescribing
Effective Prescribing Insight for the Future
Dr Rakesh Patel
Clinical Associate Professor in Medical Education
& Course Director MMediSci in Medical Education Honorary Consultant Nephrologist
School of Medicine, University of Nottingham

- a ‘multifaceted educational intervention’ to increase the skills, knowledge and competence of junior doctors to avoid prescribing errors
- ensuring junior doctors retain conscious control while problem-solving and decision-making when prescribing complex medications
- increasing engagement of clinicians in the patient safety agenda

15.30 Question and answers, followed by tea & coffee at 15.40

15.50 Towards zero harm from prescribing errors
Dr Janine Wright
Consultant Gastroenterologist and Safer Medication Work Stream Clinical Lead
North Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust

- prescribing errors – human factors vs electronic systems
- learning from prescribing errors
- understanding common types and causes of medication errors and how to prevent, avoid and detect them
- designing out prescription and administration errors with electronic prescriptions
- working with junior doctors to reduce prescribing errors
- the role of the Medication Safety Officer
- effective monitoring for side effects and suspected adverse drug reactions using appropriate reporting systems

16.20 EXTENDED SESSION: Prescribing for comorbidities: competence and practice
Alison Pottle
Cardiology Nurse Consultant
Royal Brompton and Harefield NHS Foundation Trust

- how do you ensure safety in prescribing for co-morbid conditions
- the classification of adverse drug reactions and interactions and how they occur
- the physiological changes which occur in the elderly and how these might impact on drug handling
- diagnostic decision making
- reducing polypharmacy
- common conditions

17.00 Question and answers, followed by close at 17.10
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