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## REQUEST & RESPONSE

### Self-administration of medication policies

1. Does your hospital have a self-administration of medication policy? Y/N if yes:

YES

a) Does it enable all people with Parkinson's admitted to the hospital to be assessed to administer their own medication should they wish to do so?

NO-policy only currently in use on rehabilitation ward and patients are assessed for suitability prior to self-administration

No, but the few patients able to self-administer their medication often do so prior to a clinical review.

In A&E, patients often bring their own supplies of medications. Patients waiting in triage/ambulance assessment area commonly administer their own Parkinson's medications if they have not yet been assessed by a clinician.

b) Does your hospital have the necessary resources (e.g. lockable cupboards, staff training) to enact the self-administration of medication policy?

NO-lockable cupboards are available but resources for staff training would need to be sourced to roll out self-administration policy to other wards in the trust

c) How many inpatient wards/departments is the self-administration of medication policy operational in out of the total number of inpatient wards/departments?

One ward

### Training

2. Do you require inpatient hospital ward clinical staff who prescribe or administer medicine to complete training on medication management in Parkinson's? Y/N If yes:

No

a) Is this training mandatory for staff who prescribe or administer medicine ?

b) Please specify the name of this training and course provider?

c) What percentage of staff who prescribe or administer medicine have completed this training?

- d) Which types of clinician are required to complete this training?
- e) How often do you require staff who prescribe or administer medicine to repeat this training?

3. Do you require inpatient hospital ward clinical staff to complete training on time critical or time sensitive medications (including Parkinson's medication)? Y/N, if yes:  
There is no mandatory training around the theme of time-critical medicines, however this is often included in pharmacist-led training in each clinical area for all time-critical medications.

The trust has produced a "Critical Medicines" pocket guide and lanyard card, that is distributed to clinical staff prescribing and administering medications. And there is a full critical medicines poster (containing groups 1 and 2, where Parkinson's medicines would fall into group 1) that is displayed in the clinic room of all wards throughout the Trust.

The A&E and Acute Medicine pharmacists specifically, run regular teaching sessions on Parkinson's management to both doctors and nurses in their corresponding areas. The Medical Education department hold a "Parkinson's Disease Management Day" for all new intakes of Foundation-Year 1 doctors.

The A&E Pharmacy Team complete a regular 3-monthly audit on the prescribing of all time-critical medicines in A&E. Results are shared locally, to the A&E governance group and to the pharmacy department, and feedback is shared with individual prescribers and the department as a whole in order to aim to improve prescribing. The pharmacy team and nursing staff in certain areas, have also received specific in-house training on the use of Apomorphine pumps, by the medical devices lead and the Trust's key account holder for Britannia Pharmaceuticals (manufacturer of Apo-go pump devices).

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### **E-prescribing**

4. Does your hospital have e-prescribing? Y/N

YES

- a) Does it have the functionality to record when medication was administered in 30 minute intervals over a 24 hour period? -  
YES
- b) Does it have the functionality to alert hospital ward staff when a patient's medication is due to be administered?  
YES- EPMA CHART SHOWS AS MEDICINE DUE 2 HRS BEFORE DOSE IS DUE

- c) Does it have the functionality to alert hospital ward staff when a patient's medication is late in being administered?  
YES- EPMA CHART SHOWS AS MEDICINE DUE UNTIL IT IS CHARTED BY STAFF
- d) Does your hospital have an electronic alert system to identify patients requiring time critical medication? If yes, please list the health conditions included as requiring time critical medication?  
NO
- e) Does your hospital use an e-prescribing system to regularly run reports of delayed medication doses and 'drugs not available' for Parkinson's medication?  
YES FOR ALL MEDICINES NOT JUST PD  
As above

### Other

5. Are Parkinson's medications available to clinical staff 24 hours a day, seven days a week? (e.g. this medication is stocked in an emergency medicines cabinet)  
Yes – in emergency cupboard

6. Do you have a system in place to ensure people with Parkinson's get their medication on time while waiting to be seen in the Accident and Emergency department?

Patient's who attend A&E are initially seen in triage by a triage nurse. The triage nurses aim to highlight patients on time critical medicines to the triage doctor to get these prescribed. The nurses may also contact the A&E pharmacy team to help facilitate review/prescribing of these items. The triage nurses can include a "time-critical medicine" sticker on the patient's notes.

It is then the responsibility of the reviewing A&E clinical to prescribe all time-critical medicines if they are clinically appropriate to continue.

Following a QIP and work on time-critical medicines in the department, there are also several posters up around the department to highlight to both staff and patients, the importance of critical medicines.

I would like you to provide this information in a Word document or Excel spreadsheet.