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Welcome

Welcome to the summer 2018 edition of this newsletter.

We aim to ensure that all pharmacy technicians have the information they need to develop their roles and engage fully in future opportunities. The most recent updates are highlighted below.

Professionalism e-learning launched

Professionalism and professional judgement for pharmacy technicians new e-learning programme

We are pleased to announce the release of our brand new e-learning programme specifically for pharmacy technicians. *Professionalism and professional judgement for pharmacy technicians* is now live.

In the e-learning programme we explore what professionalism is and provide scenarios for you to exercise your professional judgement in sector specific situations.

All the learning is related to the GPhC's *Standards for pharmacy professionals* and there are specific activities included to help you to understand how you can apply these in your role.

All pharmacy technicians are required to demonstrate professionalism and use their professional judgement, so our aim is to provide information to support you to further your understanding of professionalism in order to improve patient care, experiences and outcomes. Completing the programme as a method of CPD will help you to meet some of the GPhC's requirements for revalidation.



[Click here to access the e-learning.](#)

Dispensary-based calculations

New e-learning programme for pharmacy technicians

Dispensary-based calculations for pharmacy technicians is an e-learning programme which has been developed to support pharmacy technicians with dispensary-based calculations to ensure accuracy and safety when preparing, dispensing and checking prescriptions for patients.

After completing this e-learning programme, you should be able to:

- demonstrate an understanding of basic mathematical concepts
- explain how medicine strengths are expressed
- describe sources and consequences of errors and methods to reduce these
- apply methods to calculate medicine doses for adult and paediatric patients
- calculate medicine doses based on body weight and body surface area
- complete a variety of pharmacy dispensary-based calculations accurately.

[Access *Dispensary-based calculations for pharmacy technicians*.](#)

Patient safety resources

Events running nationally for latest focal point event

Bookings continue to be taken for our latest focal point event, *Patient safety: an anticoagulant case study*.

Hot off the heels of our *Patient safety learning campaign*, this new focal point aims to provide you with the background knowledge relating to patient safety and risk management, and to give you the opportunity to apply this to practice.

The World Health Organization has identified 'Medication Without Harm' as the theme for their third global patient safety challenge, which was launched in March 2017. The overall goal is to 'reduce the level of severe, avoidable harm related to medicines by 50 percent over five years, globally'.

CPPE focal points bring you right up-to-date with expertly written material and learning with colleagues in a relaxed, friendly and supportive environment.

This is perfect event for pharmacy technicians to try out if you haven't been to an evening event before.

[Book your place today.](#)

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Patient safety resources

CPPE will also be delivering patient safety workshops in collaboration with the Association of Pharmacy Technicians UK (APTUK).

Look out for details via your local branch or get in touch with your local CPPE tutor for more details.

Our new [Patient safety gateway page](#) brings both CPPE and external patient safety resources together in one place so take a look to improve your knowledge and skills related to patient safety.



National news

Revalidation

You should have all received your letter and activation code from the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) in order to access the revalidation recording portal, [MyGPhC](#). This is the new way to document and submit your CPD.

The GPhC have an array of materials to offer registrants guidance and support with understanding the new process. The [Revalidation framework](#) document from the GPhC was published in January this year, and gives detailed insight into the revalidation process.

At CPPE, we will ensure that you are supported throughout the revalidation process, by weaving revalidation through learning programmes and developing existing formats of learning that can encourage peer discussion and reflective practice.

For more information on revalidation, visit the new CPPE [Revalidation gateway page](#).

National news

Medicines optimisation training pathway for pharmacy professionals

CPPE will deliver the *Medicines optimisation in care homes training pathway for pharmacy professionals* for those taking part in the NHS England Medicines Optimisation in Care Homes programme.

The Medicines Optimisation in Care Homes programme focuses on care home residents, across all types of care home settings and aims to deploy dedicated clinical pharmacy teams that will:

- provide care home residents with equity of access to a clinical pharmacist prescriber as a member of the multidisciplinary team, with the supporting infrastructure for achieving medicines optimisation according to need
- provide care homes with access to pharmacy technicians who will ensure the efficient supply and management of medicines within the care home, supporting care home staff and residents to achieve the best outcomes from medicines.

Over two years, there will be 600 places available for pharmacy professionals. Training will be delivered with the help of delivery partners.

The 18-month programme began on 30 April 2018 and there will be a phased recruitment into the pathway, with cohorts starting in September 2018, January 2019, April 2019 and September 2019.

Pharmacy technicians and pharmacists interested in being part of this NHS England programme should regularly check the [NHS England website](#) for further information.

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