Welcome

Welcome to the first quarterly newsletter for pharmacy technicians. We aim to ensure that all pharmacy technicians have the information they need to develop their roles and engage fully in future opportunities.

Learning disabilities

Learning campaign

CPPE has designed this campaign for pharmacy professionals and pre-reg pharmacists to raise awareness of learning disabilities and enable you to reflect on how you can best support people with a learning disability and their carers: www.cppe.ac.uk/programmes/LearnDisLC-D-01

Quality payments

Criteria for eligibility

As part of the two-year funding settlement for contractors in England, the Department of Health has devised a quality payments scheme with four gateway criteria and eight quality criteria. The scheme, which runs from April 2017, aims to drive improved quality and value into the current contractual framework. It comes with a £75m budget – money taken from the reduced global sum for 2017/18. To qualify for part or all of the payment, contractors will have to first meet four gateway criteria that underpin the quality and integration agenda. For more detailed information visit PSNC’s website: http://psnc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/CPPE-Quality-Payments-Scheme-resources.pdf

SCRs in community pharmacy

Summary Care Records in community pharmacy

Community pharmacy technicians and pharmacists can now, with patient consent, access an SCR for patients. We have produced an e-learning programme and a workshop to support you to use SCRs when consulting with patients. In addition, passing the associated CPPE e-assessment is a pre-requisite for access via your NHS Smartcard.

Once you have completed the assessment you can share your data with the Registration Authority and SCR project team (on behalf of NHS Digital, formerly HSCIC). This will allow them to see that you have passed the e-assessment so they can give you access to SCRs through your NHS Smartcard.

Type 2 diabetes focal point

Nationwide events

We have launched a new focal point workshop on Type 2 diabetes. CPPE’s Type 2 diabetes focal point workshop aims to update pharmacy professionals’ knowledge of the management of type 2 diabetes. This evening workshop has events running across the country from April to October. It lasts an hour and 45 minutes and gives you the opportunity to work through case studies with colleagues, discuss how they would respond to clinical scenarios, as well as watching a consultation on one of these scenarios.

Book now through our website.

Hospital pharmacy offer

Optimise programmes

If you work in an acute trust, it is likely you will have had a visit from a CPPE tutor in the last few months because we are promoting CPPE learning that is relevant to practice in secondary care through our hospital pharmacy brochure.

The new CPPE Optimise programmes are now available for all members of the team to use. These are short, facilitated sessions aimed at advancing your skills and knowledge in specific topic areas. The programmes involve clinically focused reading and activities.

Pharmacy technician programmes

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CPPE have a wealth of learning material suitable for pharmacy technicians. This continues to be developed and expanded so you can expect some new, pharmacy technician specific programmes towards the end of 2017. Are you aware of the current programmes that many pharmacy technicians have completed?

From medicines management to medicines optimisation e-learning:
Pharmacy technician programmes

In our From medicines management to medicines optimisation programme we explore the principles of medicines optimisation and the reasons for the shift away from medicines management. The programme is aimed at medicines management pharmacy technicians.

Other resources

Professionalism e-learning:
www.cppe.ac.uk/programmes/l/Professionalism-P-00

Signposting for new pharmacy technicians:
www.cppe.ac.uk/career/Foundation-PT.asp

Support for education leads:
www.cppe.ac.uk/trainers/NVQ_QCF.asp

Are you the next pharmacy technician leader?
www.cppe.ac.uk/programmes/l/leadershipPP-D-01

Want to know more about working in a GP practice?
www.cppe.ac.uk/programmes/l/FundamentP-EC-01

Need an Aseptics program?
www.cppe.ac.uk/programmes/l/Aseptic-E-01

Did you know that a learning community can be 2 or 20 people and give you access to countless CPPE materials?
www.cppe.ac.uk/learning-communities/getting-started.asp

Are you interested in management? Explore the huge list of guides available to you:
www.cppe.ac.uk/programme-listings/guide.asp

National news

Association of pharmacy technicians, UK conference

The APTUK annual professional conference and exhibition 2017 was held in Cardiff. It brought together over 200 like-minded professionals to learn from leading experts, exchange ideas and debate the hottest topics surrounding current practice. CPPE attended and we were pleased to meet a number of you at our stand, as well as in the workshop session we provided. To view the presentations from the conference, log in to the members pages of the APTUK website.

Development of GPhC standards

The General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) received a record response from pharmacy technicians to their consultation Standards for the initial education and training of pharmacy technicians. These responses are now being used to inform next steps in the development of standards which are due to come to Council for approval in September 2017.

Revalidation for pharmacy professionals

Revalidation for pharmacy professionals is the process outlined for pharmacy technicians and pharmacists to follow each year in order to maintain their status on the GPhC register. There are some significant changes proposed, particularly regarding CPD so if you want to understand and have your say about an issue that will affect you, the consultation is currently open and you have until 17 July to submit your response.

www.pharmacyregulation.org/revalidationconsultation

National news

Primary Care Pharmacy Association conferences

CPPE supported the Primary Care Pharmacy Association (PCPA)’s conferences in London and Manchester this June. These events saw the launch of PCPA’s pharmacy technician group that aims to support all pharmacy technicians working in general practice and primary care.

CPPE will be working closely with the PCPA to develop learning for pharmacy technicians in these areas of practice.

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