

## **Prescribers Meeting Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025**

Present – Kevin Hobson, Dr Naomi Collins, Beverly McDermott, Kate Bayero, Heather Syddall

### **Minutes**

#### **SWL Medicines Newsletter**

Group reminded to have a look at the monthly Medicines Newsletter distributed to teams across all areas we cover. I'll forward to all prescribers if not getting already.

Not always relevant to us but good to keep an eye on issues / developments in the community.

March edition had interesting articles about drugs that sound alike and how this is being managed / highlighted (Look Alike Sound Alike Medications).

#### **Medicines shortages**

May be an ongoing issue with some medicines and the way the world is at the moment!

Current issues / shortages with drugs that we may use -

- Glycopyrronium for injection
- Ondansetron tablets
- Quetiapine
- Creon tablets

#### **Prescribing Practices since last meeting**

Lots of charts are being completed for pt's - please remember to record on Prescription Log Excell sheet.

FP10 prescriptions tend to be emergencies on Fridays / weekends but of course can be written anytime if it benefits pt's.

- **Heather** now has pads and has prescribed suppositories! As a Paramedic, there are limitations to prescribe some drugs. Clinical Management Plans may be a way of managing this in the future. Heather will discuss with Tracy and consultants.
- **Kevin** has prescribed Butrans patches / Dexamethasone and Amoxicillin (for ward Pt!)
- **Lorraine** has prescribed MST 30mg tabs
- **Katie** has prescribed Lorazepam tabs / Midazolam / Oxycodone tabs / MST / Docusate and Dexamethasone!

### **End Of Life Guidance on website**

External colleagues have fed back how difficult it is to access EOL guidance for anticipatory prescribing on hospice website.

Cooms team have been notified to try and make access easier to navigate.

### **Prescribers Update / Education day**

All prescribers should attend an update day per year to maintain competency as per hospice policy.

The education team organised this years update day in Feb which will be repeated later in the year for those that weren't able to attend.

Our community prescriber colleagues will also be invited.

### **EMIS – Updating medicines**

Just a gentle reminder to complete the Medicines folder on EMIS after reviewing all patients.

Often meds are changed by G.P.'s and at hospital OPA's which we are not always aware of.

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- Naomi mentioned that the hospice is going to be charged for each TTO we complete. The management team are looking into ways this could be managed. This may have an impact on community prescribing.

**Next meeting we will aim for July**

Kevin we send out invites