

Medicines use in care homes 1 - High quality e-learning courses from PrescQIPP



The NICE Quality Standards for medicines management in care homes quote a study that found more than 90% of the residents in long-term residential care were exposed to at least one potential medicine administration error in a three month period. To improve the safe and effective use of medicines by people who live in care homes, clear systems and processes are needed across the medicines optimisation pathway.

The care homes 1 e-learning package is aimed at all care home staff involved with managing medicines. It is the first of several-planned e-learning packages for care homes. PrescQIPP is a Skills for Care Endorsed Provider and the course is also CPD accredited and carries an endorsement statement from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE). This e-learning course supports the implementation of recommendations in the NICE guideline on [managing medicines in care homes](#). It also supports statement 3 in the NICE quality standard on [medicines management in care homes](#).

Course content

- This e-learning course has eight modules, three case studies and a final exam with a 70% pass mark.
- Once the course is passed a certificate of completion will be issued.

MODULE 1

Welcome and introduction

MODULE 2

The role of CQC and the NICE guideline and quality standards

- NICE guideline, quality standards, from recommendations to practice, implementation of NICE guidance in care homes, encouraging best practice

MODULE 3

The management of medicines in care homes

- NICE, monthly medicine cycle, ordering, prescription requirements, directions, MAR sheets, use of compliance aids

MODULE 4

Management of self-medicating residents

- Assessment, consent, ordering and receipt of medicines, storage, disposal, care plans, options for supporting self-administration

MODULE 5

Administration of inhalers

MODULE 6

Administration of eye drops

MODULE 7

Administration of transdermal patches

MODULE 8

Administration of topical products

MODULE 9

Administration of PRN medicines

Course access

This course is available for all members of our medicines management team and care homes staff in our commissioning area.

How to access the course

- If you do not already have an account, register on the [PrescQIPP e-learning platform](#). Please select **Lancashire and South Cumbria Health and Care Partnership** when registering as this will ensure you're provided with the correct access.
- **You will need an access code before you can access the course. Please email lsicib-el.adminmmt@nhs.net and on approval we will send you the required code.**
- When you have received the code proceed to Log into the [PrescQIPP e-learning platform](#)

If you have any questions about the course, please contact elearning@prescqipp.info.

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