

Pharmacy Bulletin

30th April 2015

Welcome to this week's edition.

1. May Bank Holiday rotas

Pharmacy rotas covering the two May Bank Holiday Mondays have now been circulated and are available on our web site <http://www.england.nhs.uk/south/pharm-info/dcis-pharm/>

If your pharmacy is open on Monday 4th May please complete the revised form showing prescription activity on that day. This form was circulated by Stacey Burch on e-mail on 28/4/15 and has been updated from the one covering the Easter period.

2. Year-end Contract Requirements

As mentioned in previous E-Communications every year there are a number of pieces of information pharmacies are required to send to us as part of the contractual requirements:

Community Pharmacy Patient Questionnaire; Pharmacy (in house) Audit; Annual Complaints Return.

3. National Audit

Just a reminder that if your pharmacy selected Period 2 for the National audit 2015/16 the deadline for submission of collated data Sunday 3 May 2015. Web address for submitting collated data <https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/survey/633b45bd> **Please note if you find you have a zero return then a zero submission should still be submitted**
Non returns will be monitored centrally and will be followed up by NHS England pharmacy team.

4. Leaflet to improve segregation of private residences clinical waste (Devon pharmacies only)

Attached is the final version of a leaflet being sent out to residents in Devon to inform on improved waste segregation. This is a project to divert non-infected (offensive) waste from homes being treated as clinical waste and disposed of in black bags which in many parts of Devon will end up in the Waste to Energy Plant in Plymouth. Hard copies of this leaflet will be available so please e-mail our generic box if you would like some.

5. Activa leg ulcer hosiery kits

A pharmacy would like to share this article which may help clear up any confusion as they have come across this on a few occasions where an error could potentially have occurred.

The issue is with prescriptions for Activa leg ulcer hosiery kits. When these prescriptions are received, the question is if the kit or the liners are issued. In the C&D they are described very differently as liners and hosiery kits. However in the DT and on prescriptions, they are both described as hosiery kits which may cause confusion as to which one is then ordered. The kit has a stocking of 40mmHg and two liners but the liner pack is a pack of three 10mmHg liners. If the prescription states 10mmHg then it is the liner pack that is usually required but it is important to check this with the surgery to be sure.

If you have any articles you would like us to include in the weekly E-Communication then please let us know.

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Please use web site link: <http://www.england.nhs.uk/south/pharm-info/dcis-pharm/> for May Bank Holiday rotas, Cornwall pharmacies opening hours directory; MUR guidance and Prem2d application forms; Blank templates for NMS and MUR returns; Forms for requesting changes to Core or Supplementary hours; Blank unplanned closure form; links to the Devon and Cornwall Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs); Significant Incident reporting form; Serious Difficulty application form; Contact Details and log for 100 hour pharmacies.

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