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Welcome to the June/July edition of Therapeutics Today.

This issue will highlight information, including guidance and advice, recently published by various organisations. Readers are also reminded of previously published NMIC bulletins, which are available on our website www.nmic.ie. We hope you enjoy our new look and we welcome any feedback or comments which can be emailed directly to nmic@stjames.ie.

Guidance and Advice

Specialist Pharmacy

UK Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS)

The SPS are a team of pharmacy professionals and support staff commissioned by NHS England to provide advice and guidance on Medicines Optimisation.

Recent publications that may be of interest include:

Choosing an antidepressant for people with coronary heart disease - last updated 29th April 2025 Choosing a prokinetic medicine for impaired gastrointestinal motility - published 23rd May 2025

Considerations for using medicines following bariatric surgery - last updated 30th May 2025

Preventing harm from incorrect vinca alkaloid administration - published 13th June 2025

Choosing between oral vancomycin options - last updated 18th June 2025

Managing interactions with direct oral anticoagulants (DOACs) - last updated 20th June 2025 Safe handling of monoclonal antibodies - last updated 27th June 2025

Managing interactions with methotrexate - last updated 30th June 2025

National Institute for Health and Care

Health and Care Excellence

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Excellence (NICE) Evidence-based recommendations for the NHS and

wider health and social care sector, developed by

independent committees, including professionals and

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lay members, and consulted on by stakeholders. Abortion care Clinical guideline [NG140] - last updated 27th May 2025

Caesarean birth Clinical guideline [NG192] - last updated 10th June 2025

2nd July 2025 Learn more

<u>Dapagliflozin for treating chronic kidney disease</u> Technology appraisal guidance [TA1075] - published

Headaches in over 12s: diagnosis and management Clinical guideline [CG150] - last updated 3rd

HSE Antibiotic Prescribing

antimicrobial information resource.

As readers are aware, the HSE antibiotic prescribing website is a very useful evidence-based



A new position statement has been issued by HSE AMRIC outlining that ceftriaxone should NOT form part of routine antimicrobial prescribing practice in LTCFs. Ceftriaxone has high potential for

generating antimicrobial resistance and is a high-risk antibiotic for causing Clostridioides difficile infection. If ceftriaxone is being considered, it should be discussed with a clinical microbiologist or infectious diseases physician. Learn more

Medication Safety

term care facilities (LTCFs):



Minute", a collaborative project undertaken by two hospital consultants and the Medication Safety

Medication Safety Minute

Facilitator (a pharmacist) in St James's Hospital. These bite-sized messages, which may also include short videos, are published every week and are available via X @medsafetymin.

Readers are reminded of the "Medication Safety

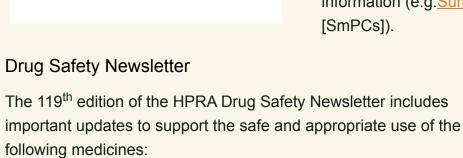
Hyperkalaemia treatment: risk of an unintended consequence

Evaluation of history of penicillin allergy

Antibiotics and a CNS-related adverse effect

Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA)

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prolongation/Torsade de pointes

of suicidal ideation

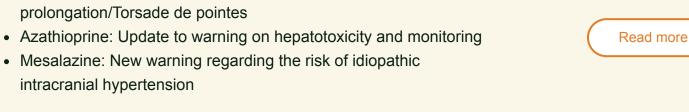
information (e.g. Summary of Product Characteristics [SmPCs]).

medicines and information on medicine shortages, as

The Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA) website contains the latest regulatory updates on

well as access to all currently approved product

HPRA DRUG SAFETY Finasteride and dutasteride: Outcome of EU review regarding risk



intracranial hypertension

34th annual scientific conference BMS 34th Annual Scientific Conference

Other News

Bilastine oral formulations: New warning on the risk of QT

• Mesalazine: New warning regarding the risk of idiopathic

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achieving an equilibrium On demand 7 July to 7 October 2025

Menopause:

TNPPG

Neonatal & Paediatric Pharmacists Group (NPPG) The UK NPPG has recently published a position statement which has been endorsed by the UK Royal Pharmaceutical Society on <u>Labelling of Dispensed Oral Medicines for Children</u> (June 2025).

The face-to-face conference is SOLD OUT, however an on demand

package will be available from 7th July to 7th October 2025. It will be

hosted on the CrowdComms platform where delegates will have the

slides and an electronic Delegate Handbook within a delegate pack.

opportunity to access recorded videos of sessions, with lecture

The on demand conference package carries 12 CPD credits.

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Signposting



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