

System Safety Update – Time Critical medicines

Communication of urgent / topical safety issues June 23
Signposting to resources

The first stop
for professional
medicines advice



RECENT NEWS, UPDATES, ALERTS AND NOTIFICATIONS

[SPS Medication Safety Update](#)

A slide deck resource collating the latest medication safety communications and publications to inform, support and inspire medication safety improvements.

[Potential risk of underdosing with calcium gluconate in severe hyperkalaemia](#)

Alert highlighting risks associated with calcium gluconate use for treating severe hyperkalaemia .

[Five principles for implementing the NHS Impact approach to improvement in England - The Health Foundation](#)

Recommendations and guiding principles to drive system wide improvement

TIME CRITICAL MEDICINES RESOURCES



[Time critical medication and Get It On Time campaign resources](#)

Resources Information and resources for professionals, to support Get It On Time: the campaign to make sure everyone with Parkinson's in hospital or care homes gets their medication on time, every time.

SPS resources

Electronic solutions to promote effective communications across care settings

Suzanne Cooper shares her experience of [using electronic prescribing systems to improve the safe transfer of time critical medication between care settings](#)

Using the Medicines Supply Tool to support timely access to medicines during supply disruptions and shortages

Kate Mitchell and Ben Rehman introduce and demonstrate the [Medicines Supply Tool](#) which can support healthcare professionals manage supply issues and mitigate against potential harms related to delays of time critical medicine supply. [The purpose, origin and maintenance of the tool are presented and potential actions to manage supply issues and shortages are discussed.](#)

A toolkit to promote safe practice with time critical medicines

[Elizabeth Mckechnie shares her experience with tackling time critical medicine safety in her organisation.](#) Practical examples, which can be translated to work in any care setting, are shared to inspire healthcare professionals to take action towards safety improvements in their care setting and across the system.

A number of podcasts discussing time critical medication safety are available



TIME CRITICAL MEDICINES RELATED PUBLICATIONS

[End-of-life drugs at home: closing the care gap](#)

The pharmaceutical journal explores evidence that complex medicines systems are resulting in delays in patients receiving vital end-of-life care.

[How putting pharmacy technicians in charge of medicines administration cuts error rates](#)

After introducing the role of medicines administration technician, the Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust is able to offer safer, more personalised patient care.

[Number of 'not dispensed' prescriptions rises by a fifth in one year, NHS data reveal](#)

Could patients potentially miss time critical medications because they are not getting prescriptions dispensed?

MEDICATION SAFETY RELATED PUBLICATIONS



Healthcare Safety
Investigations
Conference 2023

27 September | 10:00 - 16:00



Free
virtual
conference



[World Patient Safety Day 2023: Engaging Patients for Patient Safety](#)

The theme this year is in recognition of the crucial role that patients, families and caregivers play in the safety of healthcare



[The NIHR North West London Patient Safety Research Collaboration \(PSRC\)](#)

[Use of patient-held information about medication \(PHIMed\) to support medicines optimisation: protocol for a mixed-methods descriptive study | BMJ Open](#)

[How can patient-held lists of medication enhance patient safety? A mixed-methods study with a focus on user experience | BMJ Quality & Safety](#)

[Pharmacy staff views on the implementation of patient handheld medication tools to improve information transfer: a qualitative study | Safety in Health | Full Text \(biomedcentral.com\)](#)

