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| Date received | 17/08/2022 | Subject | Wrongly prescribed Drugs | | |
| Passed to | Pharmacy | Date passed | 18/08/2022 | Respond by | 05/09/2022 |
| Category | Private | FOI number | 2022-323 | | |

Question/s to be answered

1. All recorded instances in which patients were prescribed the wrong drug or dosage during the years 2019, 2020, 2021, and up to August 2022.

| CALENDAR YEAR | GP | Hospital |
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| 2019 | 2 | 5 |
| 2020 | | 5 |
| 2021 | | 4 |
| 2022 | | 3 |

February 2022. An S2 complaint was raised.

June 2021. An S2 complaint was raised.

2. Each incident should be broken down by date and hospital/GP practice, with details of what the patient should have been prescribed, along with details of the drug/dosage that they were wrongly prescribed.

| Year | Area | Prescribed Med | Correct Med | Administration Avoided (Near Miss?) |
|------|----------|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| 2022 | Hospital | Monofer 1500mg | Monofer 1000mg | |
| 2022 | Hospital | Metronidazole 500mg once a day | Metronidazole 500mg three times a day | |
| 2022 | Hospital | Angiotensin Receptor Blocker and ACE Inhibitors | Angiotensin receptor blocker alone | |
| 2021 | Hospital | Oxycodone 15mg | Oxycodone 40mg | |
| 2021 | Hospital | Fentanyl subcutaneous | Fentanyl sublingual | Yes |
| 2021 | Hospital | Metformin | Metformin and Insulin | |
| 2021 | Hospital | Edoxaban and LMWH | Edoxaban alone | |
| 2020 | Hospital | Madopar 62.5mg - two tablets twice a day | Madopar 62.5mg – two tablets three times a day | |
| 2020 | Hospital | Tramadol continued | Tramadol stop | Yes |
| 2020 | Hospital | Methotrexate 20mg a day | Methotrexate 20mg per week | Yes |
| 2020 | Hospital | Entacapone 400mg four times a day | Entacapone 200mg four times a day | |
| 2020 | Hospital | Lower LMWH dose | Increased LMHW dose | |
| 2019 | Hospital | Pregabalin 200mg three times a day | Pregabalin 100mg three times a day | |
| 2019 | GP | Shingles vaccination | Flu vaccination | |
| 2019 | Hospital | Pencillin derivative | Non-penicillin antimicrobials | Yes |
| 2019 | GP | Stopped LMWH | Continue until INR >2 | Yes |
| 2019 | Hospital | Restarted antihypertensives | Withhold antihypertensives | |
| 2019 | Hospital | Pramiexole milligrams vs micrograms | Lower microgram dose | |
| 2019 | Hospital | Ibuprofen continued | Ibuprofen discontinue | |

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February 2022 – GP Practice. Clarithromycin liquid – wrong dose. Near miss, dose not administered. Appropriate dose – 2.5mls twice a day. Prescribe dose – 5mls twice a day.

June 2021 – GP Practice. Fentanyl patches – changed strength and directions. Near Miss – dose not administered. Intended dose – 25mcg/hr. Dose as understood by patient – 24mcg/hr via 2*12mcg/hr patches. Prescribed dose – 25mcg/hr patch.

3. The outcome of each incident (i.e. official complaint, apology, compensation etc.), and the amount of compensation paid out in such cases should also be included, along with any side effects caused by the wrongly prescribed drugs.

| Year | Area | Prescribed Med | Correct Med | Outcome | Side effects |
|------|----------|---|--|--|------------------------------------|
| 2022 | Hospital | Monofer 1500mg | Monofer 1000mg | Learning review with staff. Informed patient. | Nil |
| 2022 | Hospital | Metronidazole 500mg once a day | Metronidazole 500mg three times a day | Learning review with staff. | Nil |
| 2022 | Hospital | Angiotensin Receptor Blocker and ACE Inhibitors | Angiotensin receptor blocker alone | Learning review with staff. Informed patient. | Nil |
| 2021 | Hospital | Oxycodone 15mg | Oxycodone 40mg | Learning review with staff. Informed patient. | Drowsy, improved when reduced. |
| 2021 | Hospital | Fentanyl subcutaneous | Fentanyl sublingual | Discussed with ward team. | Nil (near miss) |
| 2021 | Hospital | Metformin | Metformin and Insulin | Informed patient. | Transient raised blood sugar |
| 2021 | Hospital | Edoxaban and LMWH | Edoxaban alone | Learning review with staff. Informed patient. | Nil |
| 2020 | Hospital | Madopar 62.5mg - two tablets twice a day | Madopar 62.5mg – two tablets three times a day | Learning review with staff. | Nil |
| 2020 | Hospital | Tramadol continued | Tramadol stop | Learning review with staff. Informed patient. | Nil (near miss) |
| 2020 | Hospital | Methotrexate 20mg a day | Methotrexate 20mg per week | Learning review with staff. Informed patient. | Nil (near miss) |
| 2020 | Hospital | Entacapone 400mg four times a day | Entacapone 200mg four times a day | Learning review with staff. Informed patient and care staff. | Nil. |
| 2020 | Hospital | Lower LMWH dose | Increased LMWH dose | Informed patient. | Nil. |
| 2019 | Hospital | Pregabalin 200mg three times a day | Pregabalin 100mg three times a day | Informed care staff and health centre. | Nil |
| 2019 | GP | Shingles vaccination | Flu vaccination | Learning review with staff. Informed patient. | Nil |
| 2019 | Hospital | Pencillin derivative | Non-penicillin antimicrobials | Informed patient. | Nil (near miss) |
| 2019 | GP | Stopped LMWH | Continue LMWH | Informed patient and community nursing staff. | Nil (near miss) |
| 2019 | Hospital | Restarted antihypertensives | Withhold antihypertensives | Learning review with staff. Informed patient. | Hypotensive, improved with fluids. |

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| 2019 | Hospital | Pramiexole milligrams vs micrograms | Lower microgram dose | Learning review with staff. Informed patient. | Increased drowsiness, reversed with return to usual dose. |
| 2019 | Hospital | Ibuprofen continued | Ibuprofen discontinued | Wider learning review with teams. Informed patient. | Contributed to ill health. |

February 2022 – The complaint was fully upheld and a written apology sent, with assurances of learning. Wider review of practice and prescribing audit which would highlight the importance of knowing a patient's weight as well as their age and other medical considerations before prescribing medicine. Issue identified prior to administration, therefore no adverse effects.

June 2021 – The patient complained and the complaint was partially upheld. The GP offered a full unreserved apology for the complainant's poor experience and identified clear learning. Issue identified prior to administration, therefore no adverse effects.