

YOUR MEDICINES LEARNING PORTAL

Clinical problem-solving for pharmacists

Recent changes

In the past few months we have made these changes:

- Our **images and documents** have been moved to a new file host, which should resolve the problems with these files being blocked on a small number of NHS computers.
- A new **Mental Health** tutorial looks at some of the commoner areas where pharmacists are asked to solve clinical problems. Thank you to everyone who assisted us with this, especially Rachel Brown, Clinical Lead Pharmacist, Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust.
- The Administration tutorial now includes new pages on **intravenous access devices** (Venflons, PICC lines etc) and **extravasation**. A particular 'thank you' to specialist nurses Zillah Leach and Katie Scales, and to the Injectable Medicines Guide team for helping us with this.
- We've updated the **assessment document for foundation pharmacists during MI rotations** with help from the UKMi Education & Training Working Group. It's on the **How to Use the Site** page.
- There's a quick guide to **evaluating websites about medicines** on the site. We've linked to it at the bottom of many of the 'Information Sources' sections within each tutorial.
- The **Breastfeeding** tutorial has been revised and updated, thanks to our partners at the UK Drugs in Lactation Advisory Service (the UKMi regional centres at Trent and West Midlands).

Your help please

- We've drafted some training for new **on-call pharmacists** to help them learn the clinical problem solving skills that they need for this role. This is not yet "live" but any comments are welcome before 31st August.

Responding to your feedback

Thank you for continuing to send us your comments – we welcome your ideas. We've made a number of user-led changes, but we'd particularly like to mention:

- We've created a document to enable pre-reg and foundation pharmacists to **track their progress** as they complete each tutorial and so provide evidence of their learning. You can access this document via the **How to Use the Site** link on the home page.
- The **Home Page** has been redesigned to make it more visually appealing, and we now include the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's logo on our site following their endorsement of the site.

Coming up next

- We will begin writing a new tutorial on **how to review an antibiotics prescription** soon. We also want to look at **analgesia**. Please **contact us** if you'd like to help with either of these.

