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Medicines Optimisation in Care Homes (MOCH) Newsletter for Care



Events: In Early 2020

Tissue Viability Link Nurse Course

Trowbridge Rugby Club, Trowbridge, BA14 6JB
8th January 2020
12th February 2020
Cost £175



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Rivaroxaban Safety Reminder

<https://www.gov.uk/drug-safety-update/rivaroxaban-xarelto-reminder-that-15-mg-and-20-mg-tablets-should-be-taken-with-food>

The section of the Patient Information Leaflet for rivaroxaban 15 mg and 20 mg tablets that advises patients how to take their medicine has been revised to emphasize patients must take rivaroxaban with a meal and the tablets should be swallowed preferably with water.

The role of pharmacy professionals

In our actions for adult social care providers, we suggest that you should consider having an attached or named pharmacist to support staff with medicines management issues.

The support of a pharmacy professional would help with many of the key themes and issues that we found in our analysis. This is especially true when people who use services move between adult social care and secondary care services.

We identified that some medicines errors in care homes happened because of a disparity in the medicines that were supplied and the information in the discharge summary. In some cases, care home staff also misinterpreted instructions on discharge summaries.

Taken from CQC newsletter June 2019 **Think MOCH!**

Oral Health in Care Homes

<https://www.cqc.org.uk/publications/major-report/smiling-matters-oral-health-care-care-homes>

Overview

The report reveals an extensive lack of awareness of NICE guidelines. It concludes that residents are not supported to maintain and improve their oral health.

What we found

Among the homes visited:

- Most had no policy to promote and protect people's oral health (52%)
- Nearly half were not training staff to support daily oral healthcare (47%)
- 73% of care plans reviewed only partly covered or did not cover oral health
- it could be difficult for residents to access dental care
- 10% of homes had no way to access emergency dental treatment for residents

What are you doing on Oral Health?

Email us at wccg.moch@nhs.net

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