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UKCPA Groups Committee Structures

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UKCPA Groups support the overall aim of UKCPA.

They function as a reservoir of expertise in their field of interest for the organisation as a whole by providing educational initiatives and advice to the Association



UKCPA's Mission Statement

The UKCPA promotes expert practice in medicines management for the benefit of patients, the public and members by establishing standards, workforce development and advancing innovations in all health care settings. The UKCPA encourages Excellence, Leadership and Partnership.

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Cardiac Group

The Cardiac Group aims to provide education and training, and network support across the interface for pharmacists involved with patients with cardiac disease.

The Group intends to:

- Share and exchange ideas and resources
- Provide education and training events
- Encourage and support practice research
- Share clinical experience, evidence and best practice

Did you know that

- Heart and circulatory disease is the UK's biggest killer accounting for over 235,000 deaths a year
- CHD by itself is the most common cause of death in the UK accounting for around 125,000 deaths a year: approximately one in four deaths in men and one in six deaths in women.
- Over 2 million people in the UK have angina, half a million have heart failure and these numbers are rising.
- Every two minutes someone has a heart attack

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Care of the Elderly Group

The Care of the Elderly Group aims to promote the pharmaceutical care of older people. Pharmacists from all branches of the profession who are involved in the provision of pharmaceutical care are encouraged to join the Group.

The Group intends to:

- Facilitate the education and training for pharmacists involved in caring for older people
- Enable pharmacists to develop strategies to ensure seamless care for older people
- Provide a forum for exchange of ideas
- Share innovation through practice based research

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Critical Care Group

The Critical Care Group (CCG) provides assistance, education and training and network support for pharmacists either practising or interested in critical illness. This typically, includes Intensive Care, Coronary Care, High Dependency and Outreach.

The Group intends to:

- To provide education and training events
- Share clinical experience, evidence and debate via the critical care group network
- Encourage and support practice research
- Monitor and maintain standards of practice
- Provide clinical expertise to new and existing critical care pharmacists

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Clinical Networking

The CCG runs a highly successful email network. The main objectives of the network are to share clinical guidelines, unusual practice and rarely used medicines. This is essential resource for pharmacists in critical care and 370 members subscribe and contribute regularly. Access to it is via the website:- www.ukcpa.org

Expert Group

As well as a committee that looks after strategy and training events, the CCG has an expert group. This is an invited group of experts and specialist pharmacists who have normally been qualified for more than ten years and worked in critical care for more than six years. The group is currently involved in assessments and accreditation of advanced level practice, research, standardising practice and collaborating with other organisations such as the intensive care society (ICS) and the British Association of critical care nursing.

Education & Training Group

The Education and Training Group aims to promote professional practice and development through education and training. All UKCPA members who are actively involved in providing education and training are eligible to join the Group and contribute to the development of the only national forum for clinical pharmacy educators.

The Group intends to:

- Encourage and monitor the development of clinical pharmacy education at all levels
- Channel communication and provide opportunities for interaction between Group members
- Establish and monitor standards in clinical pharmacy education
- Stimulate new ideas in clinical pharmacy teaching and assessment methods
- Encourage educational research

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Infection Management Group

The Infection Management Group aims to provide education and training and network support for pharmacists involved with the prevention and treatment of infection.

The Group intends to:

- Share and exchange ideas and resources
- Provide education and training events
- Encourage and support practice research
- Share clinical excellence, evidence and best practice

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The joint UKCPA/GHP Leadership Development Group aims to raise awareness of the importance of leadership at all levels and within all areas of pharmacy practice.

The Group intends to:

- Build and develop networks to support, coach and mentor colleagues within the profession
- Identify and recognise role models in leadership
- Promote tools and resources that people can access to develop their leadership skills
- Link with national leadership fora
- Facilitate the sharing of ideas and best practice in leadership

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- Provide a central source of information for pharmacists newly working in this area

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The Medicine Safety and Quality Group promotes the development of quality assurance and risk management systems to optimise the safer use of medicines in patients. The group is a forum for discussion and exchange of ideas relating to quality, risk and safety embracing both primary and secondary care.

The Group intends to:

- Organise national meetings on Medicine safety and quality
- Facilitate practice research into Medicine safety and quality
- Stimulate debate and provide a forum for exchange of information

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The Group intends to:

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- Provide a support network for respiratory pharmacists and pharmacists with an interest in respiratory medicine
- Share and exchange ideas, clinical experience, clinical evidence and resources via the Respiratory Group network
- Provide education and training events
- Work with BTS, CRS-UK, RCN, BLF and other professional bodies
- Encourage and support practice research
- Monitor and maintain standards of practice
- Welcome all pharmacists from secondary care, primary care, industry and academia

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- Share experience, evidence and debate via the STPG network
- Encourage and support practice research
- Maintain and monitor standards of practice
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The Emergency Care Group encompasses many settings: primary care, accident and emergency, medical admissions units, surgical admissions units, clinical decisions units, ambulance services, minor injury units. The Red Cross, NHS Direct and the Territorial Army, to name a few. The following areas are just some that the group hopes to bring best practice together: immediate assessment, stabilisation and care, appropriate admissions – and pharmacy's role in preventing inappropriate admissions, medicines management in the emergency and urgent situation, working at the interface, rapid response teams and ambulatory care.

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- Share clinical experience, evidence and debate
- Encourage and support practice research
- Monitor and maintain standards of practice
- Provide clinical expertise to new and existing pharmacists and technicians working in emergency care

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Pain is a common symptom in both primary and secondary care and the majority of pharmacists will encounter patients experiencing pain on a daily basis. The Pain Management Group aims to provide a forum for pharmacists to be better placed to interact with any patient in pain, whether it is acute postsurgical pain, chronic non-cancer pain or pain in terminal illness.

The Group intends to:

- Promote the pharmacist as a member of the multidisciplinary team caring for patients with pain
- Facilitate education and training for pharmacists involved in caring for patients with pain
- Work with other UKCPA pharmacist groups where pain may be an issue (e.g. diabetic neuropathy)
- Share clinical experience, evidence and best practice
- Support innovation and developing the role of the pharmacist in pain management
- Welcome all pharmacists from secondary care, primary care, industry and academia

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Information Technology Group

This is a collaborative group with the Guild of Healthcare Pharmacists.

The Joint GHP/UKCPA Information and Technology Group aims to channel expert opinion from clinical practitioners to best inform and influence policy decisions related to the introduction of new technological advances, and also to increase awareness amongst clinical practitioners of key technological changes on the horizon and their likely impact.

The Group intends to:

- Raise awareness amongst (clinical) pharmacists of important initiatives related to information management and technology
- Act as a unified and consistent voice for (clinical) pharmacists on information management and technology issues
- Act as a source of opinion on information management and technology issues for a variety of sources, both internal and external to the NHS
- Co-ordinate responses to key consultation documents in relation to information management and technology issues that affect medicines management
- Influence and support Connecting for Health initiatives where they impact on medicines management
- Operate a web-based discussion forum
- Offer topical education and debate sessions through symposia and conference events

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Gastroenterology/Hepatology Group

The Gastroenterology and Hepatology Group is for pharmacists providing pharmaceutical care to gastroenterology and or hepatology patients, whether it's your chosen specialty, just part of your job or even just an interest. The group aims to offer education and networking opportunities for its members, so as to improve professional practice and develop clinical knowledge. It will provide a forum for pharmacists to share ideas and good practice and to discuss new developments as well as address advances in this field.

The Group intends to:

- Provide improved networking for pharmacist working within gastroenterology and hepatology
- Provide education and training events
- Share clinical experience, evidence and best practice
- Encourage and support audit and practice research
- Looking at workforce management in pharmaceutical gastroenterology and hepatology
- Influence and establish national standards

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Community Group

The emphasis and nature of community Pharmacists contribution to supporting patients and healthcare is changing, moving from principally a medicines & appliances supply role to having a greater influence over medicines management with far greater emphasis on the promotion of health and well being. This includes disease management, prescribing and recommendations to improve the healthcare of patients and supporting carers.

The migration of more care occurring closer to home and facilitating the implementation of the pharmacy related ambitions and recommendations in the April 2008 Pharmacy white paper are key to maximising community pharmacy contribution to healthcare.

The community steering group aims to highlight the importance of generalist practice and advance the development of community pharmacy through networking across the interface.

The Group intends to:-

- Encourage and support progression in community pharmacy by developing career paths and leadership
- Provide a forum to share clinical experience and best practice in community pharmacy to maximise opportunities for healthcare provision in a community setting
- Engage with the wider community pharmacy networks to help provide a unified voice on professional issues
- To raise awareness of the 'General practice framework for community pharmacy'
- Encourage seamless pharmaceutical care during the patient care journey

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Haemostasis, Anticoagulation and Thrombosis Group

The UKCPA Haemostasis, Anticoagulation and Thrombosis Group has agreed the following group objectives:

- To co-ordinate UKCPA responses to issues in Haemostasis, Anticoagulation and Thrombosis across clinical groups that already exist
- To provide a focus for pharmacists and other HCP who work in these areas
- Improve education and training in order to improve clinical practice, harmonise and standardise education and provide educational standards
- Build a research program for anticoagulation and /or VTE

- Build partnership links with industry to support work and development, as needed
- Build additional stakeholder interests with pharmacist groups in the UK
- Increase the membership primarily from primary care
- Support education and training of pharmacists in the field

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Neuroscience Group

The Neuroscience Group aims to provide **Better Resources And Improved Networking** for Specialist Pharmacists with an Interest in **NEurosciences**

The Group intends to:-

- Broaden the awareness of adult neurological conditions and their treatment
- Share ideas, experience, evidence and resources
- Encourage and support practice based research
- Produce collaborative work to influence and establish national standards
- Provide education and training events

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Dermatology Group

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The Group intends to:

- Provide networking for pharmacists working in dermatology
- Provide education and training events
- Share clinical experience, evidence and best practice
- Encourage audit and practice research

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New committee members are always needed to continue to build on the UKCPA Groups' aims of promoting the continuing education and networking of its members through symposia, study days and the electronic newsgroup. The success of the Groups depends entirely on the enthusiasm and hard work of its members. If you would like to contribute your expertise to a committee and have a real influence on the Group's activities, please put your name forward for nomination. If you would like any further information, please contact either the Chair of the Group you are interested in or the UKCPA office.

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