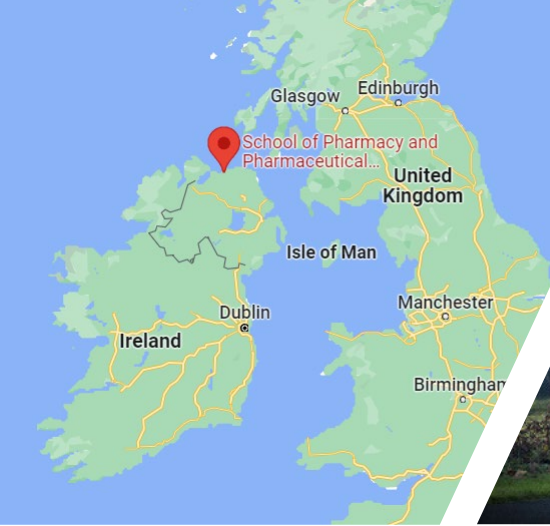
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**What can your pharmacy
do for you, and for your
patients?**



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Aims & Objectives

To provide information on the services available in community pharmacy

Community pharmacy services

- Where, what and how?

Where to find information

- For you and for your patients

**What does *your*
local pharmacy do?**

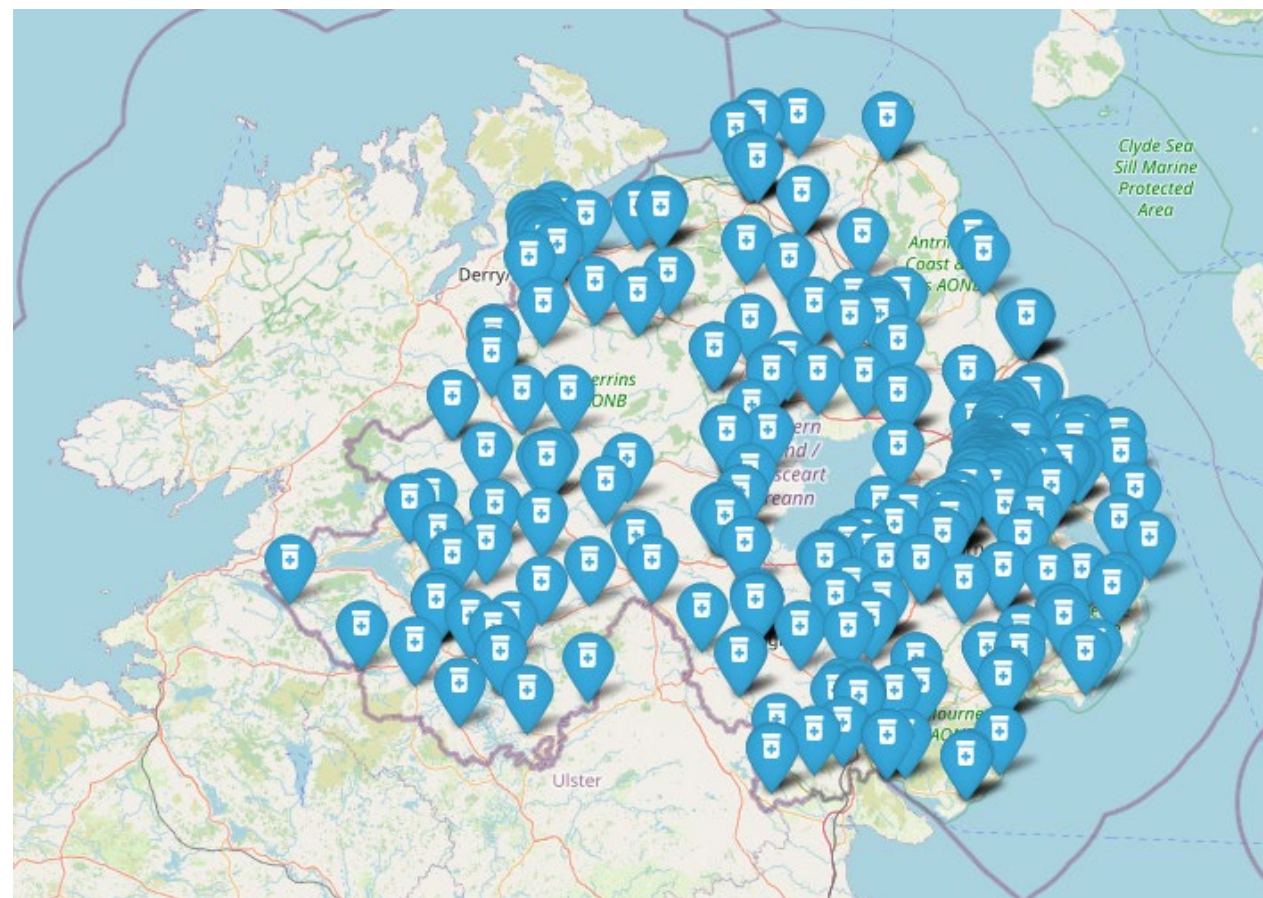
Your local pharmacy

Get to know the pharmacy team in your area

More than happy to help and advise:

- Drug interactions
- Contra-indications
- Cautions
- Use in pregnancy & breast feeding
- Administration issues
- Medicinal forms
- Licensed use

If they don't know, they will know how to find out...



<https://maps.hscni.net/maps/FPS%20Pharmacy%20First%20EHC%20Service%20Providers.html>

Formally commissioned pharmacy services



| Service | What this involves (in practice) |
|---|---|
| Pharmacy First | Assessment and treatment of defined conditions (e.g. mouth ulcers, oral thrush, sore throat, minor illness) with advice, OTC treatment, and referral where needed |
| Uncomplicated UTI service | Structured assessment of women (16–64) with possible antibiotic supply under protocol |
| Sore throat service | Clinical assessment ± testing and treatment under defined pathways |
| Emergency hormonal contraception (EHC) | Free provision via private consultation without GP involvement |
| Smoking cessation services | Behavioural support and provision of nicotine replacement therapy |
| Community vaccination services | Flu, COVID-19, and some travel vaccines (site dependent) |
| Harm reduction services | Needle exchange and supervised opioid substitution therapy (OST) |
| Health checks | Blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol (varies by pharmacy) |
| Travel health services | Advice and supply of malaria prophylaxis and travel-related medicines (varies) |

Informal & day-to-day pharmacy support

| Support | What this means in practice |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Clinical triage | Rapid assessment of symptoms (e.g. dental pain, swelling, ulcers) and decision to treat or refer |
| OTC supply & advice | Recommendation of analgesics, oral care products, and symptom relief treatments |
| Medicines safety checking | Identification of interactions, contraindications, and high-risk scenarios (e.g. NSAIDs, anticoagulants) |
| Analgesia advice | Safe pain management tailored to comorbidities and current medicines |
| Signposting & referral | Direction to dentist, GP, or urgent care depending on presentation |
| Management of minor conditions | Symptom control, reassurance, and self-care advice |
| Red flag identification | Recognition of serious symptoms requiring escalation |
| Patient education | Advice on medicines use, adherence, and oral health products |
| Accessible first contact | Walk-in access for patients before seeking dental or GP care |

Informal & day-to-day pharmacy support

Clinical & patient support

- Medicines adherence support / reviews
- Emergency supply of medicines
- Falls prevention services (locally commissioned)
- Palliative care network support

Medicines safety & governance

- Defective medicines reporting (MHRA / alerts)
- Early warning systems (recalls, shortages, safety updates)
- Controlled drugs (CD) governance and management

Professional expertise within teams

- Herbal / complementary medicine advice
- Veterinary medicines supply and advice
- Pharmacist independent prescribing (where available)

Dispensing & technical expertise

- Clinical screening of prescriptions
- Extemporaneous dispensing (specials)
- Advice on formulations and administration
- Repeat dispensing systems
- Monitored dosage systems (compliance aids)

Specialist & community support

- Care home support services
- Stoma care support
- Oxygen services
- Clinical waste management (including sharps)

Why is this important for dental teams?

| Pharmacy activity | Why this matters for you (dental team) |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Pharmacy First services | Patients may already be assessed/treated before seeing you → useful first contact but may delay definitive dental care |
| Clinical triage | Your patients are being filtered before they reach you → quality varies depending on presentation and complexity |
| OTC supply & advice | Patients often arrive having already self-treated → important to ask what they've taken |
| Medicines safety checking | Pharmacy may prevent harm (e.g. NSAIDs, anticoagulants) → shared responsibility for safe prescribing advice |
| Analgesia advice | Pain often partially managed → may mask severity or delay presentation |
| Signposting & referral | Patients are frequently directed to you by pharmacy → opportunity for better alignment and communication |
| Management of minor conditions | Some conditions managed symptomatically only → risk of recurrence or missed diagnosis |
| Red flag identification | Pharmacy may escalate serious cases → but not all red flags are always recognised |
| Patient education | Messages patients receive may differ → importance of consistent advice between professions |

Pharmacy First – Everyday health conditions

Treatment algorithms for:

- Acne vulgaris
- Athlete's foot
- Acute diarrhoea
- Ear wax
- Groin area infection
- Haemorrhoids
- Head lice
- Threadworms
- Vaginal thrush
- Mouth ulcers
- Oral thrush
- Scabies
- Verrucae



Pharmacy First for help with everyday health conditions

HSC Health and Social Care

For **FREE** confidential advice and treatment ask your pharmacist **FIRST**

SAVE TIME AND AVOID WAITING TO SEE A GP

✓ Acne
✓ Athlete's foot
✓ Diarrhoea
✓ Ear Wax
✓ Groin area infection

✓ Haemorrhoids
✓ Head lice
✓ Mouth Ulcers
✓ Oral Thrush

✓ Scabies
✓ Threadworms
✓ Vaginal Thrush
✓ Verrucae

The graphic features a family of four (father, mother, child, and grandmother) standing together. A speech bubble above them says 'SAVE TIME AND AVOID WAITING TO SEE A GP'. The background is a light green gradient.

Pharmacy First – EHC

The morning after pill is available from the majority of pharmacies across Northern Ireland.

If you are aged 13 or older, you can now get the morning after pill free from community pharmacies across Northern Ireland.

- Private & confidential consultation
- Advice on sexually transmitted infections (and how to obtain free tests)
- Advice on regular methods of contraception



Pharmacy First for help with everyday health conditions

HSC Health and Social Care



The morning after pill
Emergency Hormonal Contraception

I DON'T WANT TO GET PREGNANT

- ✓ FREE confidential and discreet service
- ✓ FREE supply of the morning after pill
- ✓ Available up to 120 hours after unprotected sex

Available from your local community pharmacy

Pharmacy First – Uncomplicated UTI in women 16-64 years

If you are female and aged between 16 and 64 you can be assessed and treated for Urinary Tract Infection symptoms in the majority of community pharmacies without having to wait for a GP appointment.

You will have a confidential consultation with the pharmacist in a private area of the pharmacy. Your symptoms will be assessed and a urine sample taken if necessary.

The pharmacist will provide advice regarding self-care and what to do if your symptoms do not clear up or get worse. Treatment to relieve UTI symptoms is free of charge and an antibiotic may be provided if needed.



The poster features the Pharmacy First logo at the top left, with the tagline 'for help with everyday health conditions'. To the right is the HSC Health and Social Care logo. The main title is 'Urinary Tract Infection (UTI)' in a dark blue box. Below this is the question 'Do you have any of the following urinary symptoms?' in a yellow box. The central illustration shows a woman with a concerned expression standing in front of a door with a female symbol. Three thought bubbles around her list symptoms: 'PASSING URINE MORE OFTEN AT NIGHT?', 'CLOUDY URINE?', and 'BURNING PAIN WHEN PASSING URINE?'. At the bottom, a dark blue box contains the text: 'Ask your pharmacist first for Advice, Test & Treatment (if needed) without having to contact your GP'.

Pharmacy First – Sore Throat

Aims to provide accessible, efficient, and high-quality care for patients aged 5 years and over with sore throat symptoms

Point-of-care testing (e.g. Rapid Antigen Detection Tests) to identify bacterial infections (Group A Streptococcus) and minimize unnecessary antibiotic prescriptions.

Medicines, if required, are provided free of charge from an agreed formulary.

Eligibility Patients aged 5+ registered with a GP in Northern Ireland (excluding temporary residents and care home residents)



Pharmacy First for help with everyday health conditions

Pharmacy First
for sore throat

SAVE TIME AND AVOID WAITING TO SEE A GP

Ask your pharmacist **FIRST** for free and confidential advice, test and treatment for **sore throat**

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The poster features a cartoon illustration of a person with a sore throat (indicated by a red, inflamed throat) talking to a pharmacist. A speech bubble from the pharmacist says 'SAVE TIME AND AVOID WAITING TO SEE A GP'. The background is light blue with a dark blue banner at the top containing the 'Pharmacy First' logo and the text 'for help with everyday health conditions'. Below the banner, the text 'Pharmacy First for sore throat' is written in white on a dark blue background. At the bottom, there is a call to action: 'Ask your pharmacist FIRST for free and confidential advice, test and treatment for sore throat' and the HSC Health and Social Care logo.

Pharmacy First – Shingles (Pilot)

The Pharmacy First Pilot Service for shingles in Northern Ireland aims to provide accessible, efficient, and high-quality care for patients aged 18 and over with shingles.

This service enables community pharmacies to act as the first point of contact, offering consultations, advice, and treatment in line with clinical guidelines.

[Link to BSO – provider list](#)



**Pharmacy
First** for help with everyday
health conditions



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Pharmacy First Service for the Treatment of Shingles



I THINK
I MIGHT
HAVE
SHINGLES

Save time and avoid
waiting to see a GP.

Ask your pharmacist
FIRST for free and
confidential advice
and treatment for
shingles.

Community Vaccination Service

Which vaccination location would you like to visit?

Where are you today?

Postcode or town 10 miles ▾

Find location by name

Select location type

Trust

Pharmacy

Select vaccine type

Seasonal Flu

COVID Booster

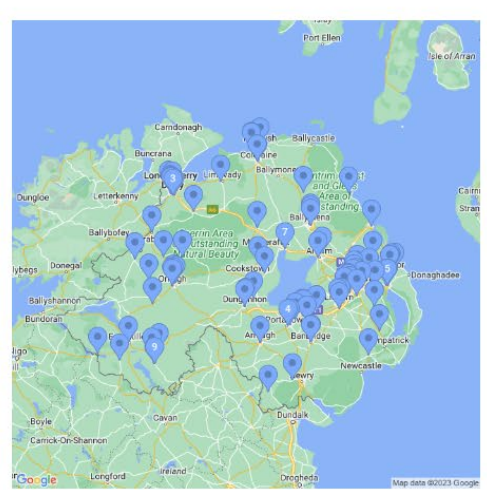
COVID Dose 1

Select location

Alley Theatre, Strabane
Alley Theatre & Conference Centre, Railway Street, Strabane, BT82 8EF

Altnagelvin - Level 5 Tower Block Treatment Wing
Altnagelvin - Level 5 Tower Block Treatment Wing, Altnagelvin Area Hospital, Glenshane Road, Londonderry, BT47 6SB

An Chroi, Hillcrest House
10 Trench Road, Londonderry BT47 2DS



COVID vaccines

<https://vaccinations.covid-19.hscni.net/location-search>

Travel clinics & Malaria chemoprophylaxis

<https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/countries>

Harm Reduction Services

- Needle and syringe exchange
 - Reduce harms associated with injecting drugs
 - Signpost to treatment /support services
 - Access to sterile needles & syringes and sharps containers for return of used equipment
 - Provide materials e.g. citric acid, sterile water, swabs, foil etc.
 - 25-30 pharmacies across NI
- Opioid substitution treatment (OST)
 - Mostly do those dependent on heroin
 - Treatment usually started in secondary care
 - Only methadone and buprenorphine are licensed and approved by NICE in the UK for use as an OST
 - Sugar free methadone available
 - Initially: daily dose dispensed and consumed under direct supervision of pharmacists (5-7 days/week)

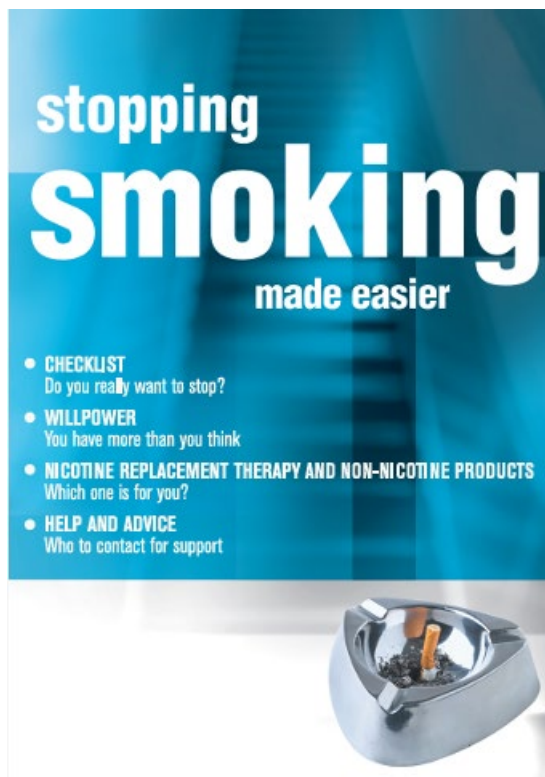
Needle and syringe provision

Drug equipment available



| | |
|--|--|
| <p>2mL syringe (different colours available)</p> | <p>1mL syringe with needle (different colours available)</p> |
| <p>1" (0.5mm x 25mm) needle 25G orange</p> | <p>One hit kit</p> |
| <p>1 1/4" (0.6mm x 32mm) needle 23G blue</p> | <p>2mL water for injection</p> |
| <p>1 1/2" (0.7mm x 38mm) needle 22G black</p> | <p>Water amp snapper</p> |
| <p>1 1/2" (0.8mm x 38mm) needle 21G green</p> | <p>Foil (20 sheets)</p> |
| <p>Pre-injection swab</p> | <p>Citric acid sachet</p> |
| <p>Spoon</p> | <p>0.45L Sharps box (black)</p> |

Smoking cessation services



stopping smoking
made easier

- **CHECKLIST**
Do you really want to stop?
- **WILLPOWER**
You have more than you think
- **NICOTINE REPLACEMENT THERAPY AND NON-NICOTINE PRODUCTS**
Which one is for you?
- **HELP AND ADVICE**
Who to contact for support

Nicotine patches



Nicotine patches
These are available in different doses. The instructions will provide information on which strength is most suitable to begin with. They are extremely convenient but you can't quickly alter the dose - say, to get more nicotine quickly when the craving is particularly strong.



Nicotine gum
You can chew this gum whenever you feel a craving. Nicotine is absorbed into the bloodstream from the lining of the mouth. Try the 2mg first, then if you still experience severe craving and withdrawal try the stronger gum. Nicotine gum is available in a range of flavours. The taste may seem strange at first but for most people this only lasts a week or so. You should read the instructions on how to chew the gum correctly to obtain the greatest benefit.



Nicotine inhalator
This is a plastic holder with nicotine cartridges that you put on the end. Draw on it like a cigarette and nicotine passes into the mouth.



Nicotine nasal spray
This is nicotine solution, which you spray up your nose. You can absorb nicotine quicker through the nose than with the gum or patch, but it takes more getting used to, and can irritate the nose.

Nicotine tablets



Nicotine tablets
Placing small tablets under the tongue allows nicotine to be absorbed through the lining of the mouth. These tablets should not be chewed or swallowed.



Nicotine lozenges
As with tablets, the nicotine is absorbed through the lining of the mouth.



Nicotine mouth spray
This is available as a small pocket-sized container. The nicotine is quickly absorbed into the body through the lining of the mouth, rapidly relieving the urge to smoke before you act on it.



Oral strips
These dissolve on the roof of your mouth and release nicotine fast, with a fresh, minty flavour. They fully dissolve in approximately three minutes, providing quick, discreet relief. This product is recommended for light smokers who smoke their first cigarette 30 minutes or more after waking.

If you want to talk to someone face-to-face about licensed NRT, ask at your local GP practice, community pharmacist or stop smoking service. You can find your nearest service on www.stopsmokingni.info



If you are pregnant, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or midwife about licensed NRT and pick up a copy of the leaflet *Pregnancy and nicotine replacement therapy (NRT): what you need to know*. A short course of licensed NRT is safer for you and your baby than continuing to smoke.


| Time since quitting | Health benefits | Money saved* |
|---------------------|--|-------------------|
| 20 minutes | Your heart rate drops | 79p |
| 8 hours | Nicotine and carbon monoxide levels in your blood reduce by half | £5.28 |
| 24 hours | Carbon monoxide and nicotine are cleared from your body | £15.84 |
| 48 hours | Your ability to taste and smell is improved | £31.68 |
| 2-12 weeks | Circulation improves and your lung function increases | £221.76-£1,330.56 |
| 1 year | Your risk of having a heart attack falls to half that of a smoker | £5,781.60 |
| 5 years | Stroke risk is reduced to that of a non-smoker, in most cases | £28,908.00 |
| 10 years | Your risk of dying from lung cancer is about half that of a smoker | £57,816.00 |
| 15 years | Your risk of having a heart attack falls to that of a non-smoker | £86,724.00 |

Frequent SPPG campaigns

Know Check Ask - NI

Before you take it...

- Know** your medicines and keep an up-to-date list
- Check** that you are using your medicines in the right way
- Ask** your healthcare professional if you're not sure



My pharmacy's name:

Phone number:

My GP:

Phone number:

Emergency contact name:

Phone number:

My health care number:

What is My Medicines List?

My Medicines List is a list of all the medicines and supplements you take.

Why should I use it?

Keeping an up-to-date list can help you know your medicines. It can also help you when discussing your medicines with a healthcare professional.

How should I fill it in?


To fill out My Medicines List, you need all your medicines in front of you. Carefully list everything prescribed by your GP. Include things like inhalers, eye-drops, injections and creams, if you use them. You can also add other medicines or supplements you are taking, for example, medicines you have bought, vitamins, minerals, herbal or alternative medicines.

How should I use it?

Keep your list up-to-date. Bring it with you when attending any healthcare appointment. You may find it useful to keep a photo of your My Medicines List on your phone.

How can I get another form?

Scan the QR code below (using your mobile phone camera) and print, or ask for one at your local Pharmacy.




scan me


Questions about your medicines?
Talk to your pharmacist, nurse or doctor.

Information for people who take medicines and their families

My Medicines List



Know
Check
Ask



HSC Health and Social Care

Medicines are the most commonly used medical intervention in NI, and at any one time, around 70% of our population take prescribed or over-the-counter medicines to treat or prevent ill health.

[Campaign Resources](#)

Informal but common! Allergies - excipients

1. Artificial Colors and Dyes

- Examples: Tartrazine (Yellow No. 5), Sunset Yellow, Amaranth.
- Reactions: Skin rash, itching, and in some cases, respiratory symptoms.
- Relevant Products: Certain mouthwashes, gels, and chewable tablets

2. Flavorings

- Examples: Peppermint oil, menthol, and other artificial flavorings.
- Reactions: Oral irritation, swelling, and other allergic responses.
- Relevant Products: Mouthwashes, toothpaste, and lozenges.

3. Preservatives

- Examples: Parabens, benzoates, sulfites.
- Reactions: Skin rashes, hives, and in more severe cases, breathing difficulties.
- Relevant Products: Mouthwashes, antiseptic gels, and topical products.

4. Sweeteners

- Examples: Aspartame, saccharin, sorbitol, xylitol.
- Reactions: GI symptoms (bloating, gas) and, in rare cases, allergic reactions.
- Relevant Products: Sugar-free lozenges, chewable tablets, mouthwashes, and toothpastes

Allergies - excipients

5. Latex

- Examples: Latex used in packaging or applicators.
- Reactions: Hives, itching, or more severe anaphylactic reactions.
- Relevant Products: Some toothpaste tubes, gum guards, and dental dams may contain latex.

6. Sodium Lauryl Sulfate (SLS)

- Reactions: Mouth sores, irritation, and dry mouth.
- Relevant Products: Toothpaste and some mouthwashes.

7. Propylene Glycol

- Reactions: Contact dermatitis and oral irritation.

- Relevant Products: Toothpaste, some mouthwashes, and lozenges.

8. Alcohol

- Reactions: Oral irritation or dryness, particularly for those sensitive or allergic to it.
- Relevant Products: Many mouthwashes and sprays.

9. Essential Oils

- Examples: Eucalyptus oil, clove oil.
- Reactions: Contact allergies, oral irritation, and, in some, allergic dermatitis.
- Relevant Products: Toothpaste, mouthwash, and topical analgesic gels.

If not sure, check

Patient History

Emphasize the importance of checking for known allergies before recommending OTC products

Label Reading

Encourage reading labels for specific allergens, particularly with patients who have a history of sensitivities.

Alternatives

Mention hypoallergenic or natural options available for sensitive patients, like SLS-free toothpaste or alcohol-free mouthwash.

Pharmacy teams will be happy to help – “scientists on the high street, experts in medicines” – use us



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Useful resources

Useful resources



The screenshot shows the Cochrane Library homepage. It features a search bar at the top with the text 'Search title, abstract, keyword'. Below the search bar are navigation links for 'Cochrane Reviews', 'Trials', 'More Resources', 'About', and 'Help'. A central image shows a hand holding a document. To the right, there are promotional banners for 'Best of Cochrane Library: 2017' and 'Yoga for health and well-being'. At the bottom, there is a banner for 'Nutritional labelling for healthier eating'.

The screenshot shows the Clinical Knowledge Summaries (CKS) website. It has a dark green header with the CKS logo and a search bar. Below the header, there are tabs for 'Topics' and 'Specialities'. A grid of letters (A-Z) is displayed, with 'T' highlighted. To the right of the grid, there is a list of medical conditions and their associated drugs, such as 'Tamoxifen - managing adverse effects' and 'Tiredness/fatigue in adults'.

The screenshot shows the emc website. It has a green header with the emc logo and navigation links for 'HOME', 'MEDICINES', 'COMPANIES', 'LATEST UPDATES', 'ABOUT EMC', 'HELP', and 'SUPPORT | LOGIN'. Below the header, there is a search bar and a list of 'Latest medicine updates' with categories for 'New Medicines', 'Updated Medicines', and 'Retired Medicines'. A 'Register with the emc' button is visible on the right side.

The logo for the 90th anniversary of the British National Formulary (BNF). It features the text 'BNF' in large, bold letters, with '90' in a very large font below it. The text 'The first choice for concise medicines information' is written in smaller font. At the bottom, it says 'September 2025 - March 2026'.

The cover of the book 'Stockley's Drug Interactions, Eleventh edition'. The cover is blue and white with a large 'S' logo. It is edited by Claire L. Preston.

The screenshot shows an NHS Choices article titled 'Could drinking fruit tea be bad for your teeth?'. The article is dated Monday February 26 2018. The page content includes a list of questions and answers, such as 'Where did the story come from?' and 'What kind of research was this?'. The article discusses a study from King's College London on the role of diet in tooth erosion.

The logo for OTCConsult, which stands for 'Over-the-Counter Consultations for Pharmacy Staff'. It features a cartoon illustration of a pharmacist in a white coat and glasses, standing in a pharmacy setting.

The screenshot shows an NHS Medicines Q&As article titled 'Can miconazole oral gel be used by patients taking a statin?'. The article is prepared by UK Medicines Information (UKMI) pharmacists for NHS healthcare professionals. It includes a summary of the question and a detailed answer regarding the use of miconazole oral gel in patients taking statins.

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You are viewing BNF. If you require BNF for Children, use [BNFC](#).

Amoxicillin

The interactions content in BNF publications has changed. [Find out more.](#)

- [Acenocoumarol](#)
- [Allopurinol](#)
- [Methotrexate](#)
- [Phenindione](#)
- [Warfarin](#)

Useful information

[General interaction information](#)

Amoxicillin has the following interaction information:

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Acenocoumarol | Amoxicillin potentially alters the anticoagulant effect of acenocoumarol. Manufacturer advises monitor INR and adjust dose. Severity of interaction: Severe Evidence for interaction: Anecdotal |
| Allopurinol | Allopurinol increases the risk of skin rash when given with amoxicillin. Manufacturer advises consider alternatives. Severity of interaction: Moderate Evidence for interaction: Study |



Carbamazepine

Carbamazepine has the following interactions:

Abacavir

Carbamazepine is predicted to decrease the exposure to Abacavir. Manufacturer makes no recommendation. **Moderate Theoretical**

Abemaciclib

Carbamazepine is predicted to markedly decrease the exposure to Abemaciclib. Manufacturer advises avoid. **Severe Study**

Abiraterone

Carbamazepine is predicted to decrease the exposure to Abiraterone. Manufacturer advises avoid. **Severe Study**

Acetylsalicylic acid

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Yellow card scheme - MHRA

Use the Coronavirus Yellow Card reporting site to report suspected side effects to medicines and vaccines or medical device and diagnostic adverse incidents used in coronavirus treatment

COVID-19

Side effect to a medicine, vaccine, herbal or homeopathic remedy

Side effects

Incidents involving a medical device including diagnostic tests, software and apps

Devices

Defective medicine (not of an acceptable quality)

Defective

Falsified or fake medicine or medical device

Fake

Side effect or safety concern for an e-cigarette

e-cigarette

<https://yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/>

Drug safety updates

<https://www.gov.uk/drug-safety-update>

Guidance

Drug Safety Update: monthly PDF newsletter

Monthly PDF editions of the Drug Safety Update newsletter from MHRA and its independent advisor, the Commission on Human Medicines

From: [Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency](#)

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[Drug Safety Update April 2023](#)

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National Patient Safety Alert: Class 1 Medicines Recall Notification: Recall of Emerade 500 micrograms and Emerade 300 micrograms auto-injectors, due to the potential for device failure, NatPSA/2023/004/MHRA

Pharmaswiss Ceska republika s.r.o. is initiating an urgent recall of all batches of Emerade 500 micrograms and Emerade 300 micrograms auto-injectors.

Alert type: National patient safety alert

Medical specialism: Anaesthetics and 22 others Issued: 9 May 2023

Class 2 Medicines Recall: Various Marketing Authorisation Holders, pholcodine-containing products, EL (23)A/09

Following the conclusion of a review of post-marketing safety data by the MHRA, all pholcodine-containing medicines are being recalled and withdrawn from the UK as a precaution.

Medical specialism: Anaesthetics and 22 others Issued: 14 March 2023

Field Safety Notices: 21 to 25 November 2022

List of Field Safety Notices (FSNs) from 21 to 25 November 2022

Alert type: Field safety notice


Medical specialism: Anaesthetics and 22 others Issued: 28 November 2022

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Understand what a Vaccine Group Direction (VGD) is, and how it is used to support vaccine administration.

Templates · 23 March 2026

Supporting lithium safety across the system

Healthcare professionals (HCP) in all settings who interact with patients prescribed lithium should be aware of safety considerations related to its use.

Medication Safety · 27 March 2026

Choosing an antidepressant for people with epilepsy

Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) are the preferred antidepressant in people with epilepsy. We give considerations when selecting antidepressants.

Vortioxetine · 26 March 2026

Aseptic services

All our resources for pharmacy aseptic services.

Aseptic services

Biosimilars

Regularly updated material to support the introduction of aflibercept, golimumab, ranibizumab, ustekinumab and other biosimilars of interest.

Biosimilars

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Patient Group Directions

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 Daily or weekly

Our service provides links to current awareness and evidence-based information relating to medicines and prescribing.

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- Respiratory disorders
- Sexual health

<https://www.nice.org.uk/news/nice-newsletters-and-alerts>

Last thoughts

Reality check

Patients expect:

- “Something to fix it”
- Antibiotics & Immediate resolution

Reality in pharmacy:

- First line treatment
- Symptom relief
- Often temporary

Where things can go wrong?

- Repeated OTC use
- Pain masking severity
- Multiple pharmacy visits
- Delayed dental attendance

Key to success - strong relationships between health care teams



Aims & Objectives

To provide information on the services available in community pharmacy

Community pharmacy services

- Where, what and how?

Where to find information

- For you and for your patients



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