

## What is CPD?

CPD stands for continuing professional development. Pharmacists must keep up to date with changes in pharmacy practice, the law relating to pharmacy and the knowledge and technology applicable to pharmacy, and must maintain competence and effectiveness as a practitioner. This responsibility is recognised in the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Code of Ethics.

The Society recommends that pharmacists fulfil this responsibility by adopting the concept of CPD. This will include regular participation in continuing education (CE) and other activities and learning, both work-based and self-directed, eg, professional audit, reflecting on professional reading etc.

- The Society's information and guidance on CPD is available at <http://www.rpsgb.org/registrationandsupport/continuingprofessionaldevelopment/>
- The Society's CPD website where you can register and electronically record your CPD. <http://www.uptodate.org.uk/>

## Online resources

If you wish to find out about a particular subject, find resources to fill a knowledge gap or are seeking inspiration for your next area for CPD then the following online resources should help.

- Pharmaceutical Journal CPD articles and series <http://www.pjonline.com/CPD/keywords/index.html>
- Hospital Pharmacist Life-long Learning series <http://www.pjonline.com/noticeboard/lifelong/index.html>
- Search the library catalogue by subject keyword for links to websites, documents and other resources available online, as well as access to our books, videos and other resources available for loan. <http://olib.rpsgb.org>
- E-learning programmes and online resources are available from the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) and open learning packs can be requested. <http://www.cppe.manchester.ac.uk/>  
See also:
  - NHS Education for Scotland (Pharmacy) <http://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/pharmacy/>
  - Welsh Centre for Post-Graduate Pharmaceutical Education <http://www.cf.ac.uk/phrmy/WCPPE/index.html>
  - Northern Ireland Centre for Postgraduate Pharmaceutical Education <http://www.nicppet.org/>
- Pharmacy Update, the Chemist & Druggist's continuing education programme <http://www.chemistanddruggist.co.uk/update>

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*Further information overleaf...*

## Online resources continued

- Find abstracts of articles or full text online via PUBMED. Search by keyword, title or author. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez>  
(Email or call in to the library to arrange a search of databases including RPS e-PIC, MEDLINE, CINAHL, AHMED and IPA. Abstracts can be posted or emailed to you.)
- Find clinical guidelines via the NHS Guidelines Finder Specialist Library <http://www.library.nhs.uk/guidelinesfinder/>
- A large selection of guidance and patient information leaflets are available at the Clinical Knowledge Summaries website (formerly Prodigy) <http://www.cks.library.nhs.uk/>
- The Electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC). Provides free electronic Data Sheets, Summaries of Product Characteristics (SPCs) and Patient Information Leaflets (PILs). <http://emc.medicines.org.uk/>

## Online Assessment Programmes

Learn and test new skills online.

- Online "Introduction to clinical governance for community pharmacists" developed in partnership between the RPSGB and NCGST <http://casu.interwise.com/casu/portal/ITCG/>
- Internet Pharmacist is a free, "teach yourself" tutorial that lets you practice your Internet Information Skills <http://www.vts.rdn.ac.uk/tutorial/pharmacist>

## Resources available from the library

The library stocks a variety of CPD resources in different formats for use by members and we offer a postal service for those unable to come to the library.

- Videos and CD-ROMS. Various topics available, a full list can be obtained via the catalogue.
- Learning packages produced by the Centres for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education. These include structured learning programmes on a variety of subjects from specific conditions and treatments to practice-based aspects. The library holds loan copies of all CPPE packs allowing you to see the information covered before ordering the pack from the appropriate CPPE.
- Factsheets on common topics. The library produces factsheets focussing on frequently asked questions identifying online resources, books, videos and journal articles. Check with us to see if there is one on the area you are interested in.

## Other services

- An enquiry service is offered by both the library and, for clinical matters, the team of Information Pharmacists. Contact us by phone or email, or come into the library.
- Photocopying service. Once you have identified journal articles of interest the library can advise you on how to obtain copies. Don't forget that the library or TIS can undertake searches on your behalf.

Remember to search the online catalogue to see what is in stock. Please see our Full Guide to Services for further information on how we can deliver information and resources to you.

## Contacting the Library

Contact the Library by telephone on 020 7572 2300 (answerphone outside office hours) or by e-mail [library@rpsgb.org](mailto:library@rpsgb.org)

## Suggestions?

If you have any suggestions for other factsheets you think we should produce, then let us know.

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