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### Clozapine incident in Rotherham

An incident has recently occurred in Rotherham where a patient was not given clozapine whilst in secondary care resulting in a relapse of their condition and a crisis episode. Although a full investigation is currently on going, initial findings indicate one area that contributed, and could therefore be improved, involves the visibility of all medication on patients' summary care record (SCR).

Clinicians are reminded of the importance of ensuring patient records document all current medication (including medication not actively prescribed by the practice, but by secondary/tertiary care), and that the SCR reflects this accordingly.

The Medicines Management Team guide on the recording of non-practice (e.g. hospital only) medicines on clinical systems (here: <http://www.rotherhamccg.nhs.uk/forms-and-other-information.htm>) may help clinicians in this respect.

Further learning from this incident will be passed on once the investigation concludes.

### Atrial fibrillation: management draft guidance consultation

The new NICE Atrial fibrillation management is currently in development with an expected publication date of 26th Feb 2021. Clinicians are invited to review and comment on this draft guideline.

The draft guideline can be found here: <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/GID-NG10100/documents/short-version-of-draft-guideline>

Comments can be sent via this form: <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/GID-NG10100/documents/comments-form-2> to the email address: [AFmanagement@nice.org.uk](mailto:AFmanagement@nice.org.uk)

Further information can be found here: <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-ng10100/consultation/html-content-2>

### Prescribing Incentive Scheme launched

The MMT prescribing incentive scheme 2020/21 is now active. Information on the scheme has been sent to all practice managers. Please ask your medicines management team member if you have any questions, or require any clarification.

### Transdermal fentanyl patches for non-cancer pain: do not use in opioid-naive patients

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has issued new guidance on the use of fentanyl transdermal patches for non-cancer pain.

Following a review of the risks associated with use of opioid medicines for non-cancer pain, the Commission on Human Medicines (CHM) has recommended that **fentanyl transdermal patches are contraindicated in opioid-naive patients in the UK**. On the advice of CHM, the patient information leaflet (PIL) for fentanyl patches has been updated with harmonised headline information regarding their safe use (i.e. the PIL now contains the statement "Do not use if you have not been prescribed an opioid medicine before").

Advice for healthcare professionals includes:

- Fentanyl is a potent opioid – a 12 microgram (µg) per hour fentanyl patch equates to daily doses of oral morphine of up to 45mg a day
- do not use fentanyl patches in opioid-naive patients
- use other analgesics and other opioid medicines (opioids) for non-cancer pain before
- prescribing fentanyl patches

Further information can be found here: [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/920770/Sept-2020-DSU-PDF.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/920770/Sept-2020-DSU-PDF.pdf)

## Further information on the new infant feeding pathway

The MMT is aware that the nutrition and dietetic infant feeding service referral form isn't on the clinical systems yet, and is working to try and resolve this issue.

In the interim, the referral form (pictured below) can be accessed in the Top Tips section of the Rotherham CCG website here:

<http://www.rotherhamccg.nhs.uk/Dietetic%20infant%20feeding%20referral%20form.pdf>



### ROTHERHAM NUTRITION AND DIETETIC INFANT FEEDING SERVICE REFERRAL FORM

#### ALL INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED

Patient Details	
Patient Name:	
NHS number:	
D.O.B:	
Address and Postcode:	
Home Tel No:	
Mobile Tel No:	
Gender:	
Ethnicity:	
Language:	
Is Interpreter required?	Yes                      No (delete/highlight as appropriate)

GP Details	
Registered GP:	
GP Address and Postcode:	

Clinical Details			
Weight: (if known)		Weight centile (if known):	
Suspected Problem/Diagnosis: (Delete/Highlight as appropriate)			
Cow's Milk Allergy			
Gastro Oesophageal Reflux Disease			
Other.....			
Current symptoms:			
Past Medical History:			
Current Medication:			

Referrer Details	
Name of GP currently managing care:	
Name of Clinical Referrer:	
Clinical Speciality / Designation:	
Referral date:	