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NHSGGC Medicines Information

MEMORANDUM



To: All GGC Medical, Nursing and Pharmacy Staff

From: GGC Medicines Information Service

Date: 23rd October 2018

Subject: New resource: Direct Oral Anticoagulant (DOAC) Patient Information Booklet and Alert Card available now

A DOAC Patient Information Booklet and Alert Card have been developed for use across NHSGGC.

This new resource is suitable for patients taking apixaban, dabigatran, edoxaban or rivaroxaban and is expected to help healthcare professionals to highlight key points about DOAC treatment to patients and/or carers. The booklet includes information tailored to patients and carers on:

- What a DOAC is
- How to take their DOAC treatment and how to manage missed doses
- Common side effects
- Letting other people know (inc. healthcare professionals, carers and family)
- Things that may affect the clinical effect of DOACs
- Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Printed booklets/alert cards are now available from hospital pharmacy dispensaries across NHSGGC. Arrangements for distribution in Primary Care remain under discussion. A printable electronic version is available at <http://www.ggcmedicines.org.uk/DOACS/> in addition to a link to an anonymous feedback survey for patients and healthcare professionals.

For Acute Services:

- Local teams are asked to decide on the most appropriate method of dissemination to patients at the point of discharge.
- Relevant outpatient clinics and wards can order printed copies from local pharmacy departments on an indent.
- Clinical teams are asked to refer patients to the electronic version of the booklet as appropriate.
- Clinical teams are asked to promote the use of the feedback survey.

For Primary Care and Community Pharmacy:

- It is intended to make printed copies available to GP Practices and Community Pharmacies, however arrangements for distribution remain under discussion.
- In the meantime, refer patients to the electronic version of the booklet as appropriate.
- The use of the feedback survey should be promoted amongst patients and healthcare professionals.

If you require further information please contact medicines information on medinfo@ggc.scot.nhs.uk