

Hospital Electronic Prescribing

HEPMA

and Medicines Administration

HEPMA UPDATE

What is HEPMA?

HEPMA is Hospital Electronic Prescribing and Medicines Administration. This is a new digital system that will replace the paper drug chart (kardex) for inpatient areas across NHSGGC.

Doctors and other prescribers will use HEPMA to prescribe medicines for inpatients.

Nurses will use HEPMA to carry out drug rounds and record the administration of medicines to patients.

HEPMA will link with TrakCare for patient demographics and movements.

The HEPMA system is already in use in several other NHS Boards in Scotland.

What are the benefits?

- More accurate, legible prescriptions
- Clinical decision support: interactions, allergies
- No more re-writing kardexes
- Save time during drug rounds
- Richer information about use of medicines
- Optimised use of medicines
- More consistent medicines practice

Progress update

- HEPMA rollout at the QEUH has been completed
- The team is currently rolling out HEPMA at Gartnavel General, Beatson WoSCC and the New Victoria
- Rollout at GRI will begin later in September

Patients transferring from HEPMA to non-HEPMA ward

- When a patient moves from a HEPMA ward to a ward that isn't yet live on the system, the sending ward should print out the MAC and MAP reports
- These should go with the patient to the downstream ward

Top tips

- When using HEPMA make sure you check the patient details to confirm you've selected the right patient
- On the Inpatient Rx screen you can sort medicines by name, prescribing date, BNF chapter or order type (regular/PRN/STAT)

Advanced medication search

- Usually the HEPMA medication search will return items that **begin** with the characters you enter
- You can use the % character as a "wild card"
- For example searching for "%insulin" will find multiple insulin brands

It's essential that doctors and nurses complete their HEPMA eLearning on LearnPro before their area goes live

If you have questions or suggestions please contact the HEPMA team:

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