

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

- Royal Alexandra Hospital rollout is almost complete
- Vale of Leven, Inverclyde, RHC and the main Mental Health sites will follow

Advanced Search – save base ward

- You can save your base ward so you don't need to re-enter it every time you search
- On the 'Inpatient Finder' tile, select 'Advanced Search' and enter the ward code in the 'Hospital Ward' field
- Tick 'Same Ward Searching'
- The system will now remember your selected ward until you log out

Inpatient Finder

Patient name

Hospital ward Same ward searching

Consultant Same consultant searching

Prescribing protocols

- Prescribing protocols on HEPMA contain groups of medicines that are commonly prescribed together or medicines with multiple route/dose options.
- You can prescribe a protocol when adding a drug using the "Protocol" tab, either by searching for a specific medicine/regime/condition or by selecting "Show All".
- Example: Aspirin 300mg PO/PR. This allows the administering nurse to select the most appropriate route for the patient. For use mainly in stroke wards where the safety of oral route changes daily.

Drug Protocol Infusion

aspirin

Treatment Protocol Name

Aspirin 300mg PO/PR
(Either Or Protocol)

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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