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 WellSky 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

- 60 wards and 25 theatres are now live
- Over **one million** medicine administrations have now been recorded on HEPMA
- Over 5,500 users have been set up

Keep medicine doses up to date

- HEPMA will default to showing the earliest outstanding doses for patients
- It is essential that the nursing team keep administrations up to date at all times
- If a particular dose was not given, record this fact on HEPMA with the appropriate reason

Printouts for non-HEPMA wards

- When a patient is transferred from a HEPMA ward to a non-HEPMA ward, the sending ward should print out a MAC and MAP to go with the patient
- The MAP can be used to record medicine administrations until any prescribing changes are made

Think about dose timing

- When prescribing regular medicines, make sure you select administration times that align with scheduled drug rounds where possible
- This reduces the risk of doses being delayed or missed

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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