

SAFETY & QUALITY OF MEDICINES GROUP

Meeting

Thursday 27th April 2006 Time: 9.30am to 12.30

Attendees

Dwayne Crombie (Chair)	Peter Moodie (PHARMAC)
Gillian Bohm (MOH)	Frances McClure (GP)
Beth Loe (Project Manager)	Marilyn Crawley (Waitemata)
Mary Seddon (CMDHB)	Adam McRae (PHARMAC)
Jane Vella Brincat (CDHB)	Tim Maling (C&CDHB)
Elizabeth Plant (Taranaki)	

Invited

Nirasha Parsotam (ADHB)

Minutes

Item	Topic/agenda	Notes/comments	Action Required
1.	Apologies	Teresa Sullivan, Grant Howard, Avril Lee, Peter Black, Sharron Cole	
2.	Minutes of meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed • NZ likely to be part of WHO Hi 5 safety campaign, 5 countries, 5 measures, 5 years. Projects not yet agreed but one proposal is infection control, NZ could propose one on medication safety. Look at medication reconciliation between primary and secondary care based on IHI system • Other issues that might engage Minister, bar coding, electronic medication record 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send proposal to Gillian (Mary)
3.	Electronic Medication Record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficulty establishing contact with people, Grant has been talking to HISAC • Possible that might try and run pilot in Auckland region, need stakeholders meeting • Might be something happening in Canterbury/West Coast 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue interaction with HISAC and put proposal to them (Grant, Elizabeth) • Organise stakeholder meeting in Auckland region
	National Medicines Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently being scoped by Sheila Swan (MOH), the focus isn't the same as our strategy document • Need to avoid conflicting work streams • TOR determined at political level • Planned as being a long term strategy • Need to be involved in the process and make use of our strategy • One way forward could be the formation of a Patient Safety Foundation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dwayne to meet with Sheila Swan
4.	ACC and EpiQuol research proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EpiQuol acting chair Robin Youngson • No decision on research proposals yet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final decision on ACC proposals date unknown
5.	DTCA submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change wording to Mary's stronger emphasis • Add in 80% of doctors will give product asked for (reference) • Discussion re disease state advertising, some can be positive and inform consumers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make changes to submission and send in (Beth)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advertising generally newer drugs so even if doctors only give in occasionally the prescribing can be inappropriate, more expensive and more dangerous 	
6.	Injection labelling/ Medsafe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reply to Medsafe re lack of understanding of processes in practice Symtomatic of gaps in system ie beginning para 4, p.2 Promote use of bar codes Letter to Trantasman labelling group re-bar coding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter to Medsafe and C&CDHB (Beth) Letter to Transtasman labelling group (Beth)
7	Health and Disability Sector certification standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JACHO about to issue new standards – preference would be to wait until these standards are published before finalising standards for health & Disability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft minimum set of standards (Marilyn, Mary)
8.i	Warfarin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Video first run for editing in May Needs written information to go with it To find out what happening round country put fax number on bottom of documents for people to send things Officially acknowledge work done at CMDHB on flip chart Starship have produced a paediatric information leaflet Working group on warfarin to produce toolkit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Production costs for toolkit (Beth) Letter to CMDHB (Dwayne) WDHB Information leaflet to Adam (Beth) Working group to look at toolkit to include CMDHB (Beth)
8ii	Heparin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LMWH alert re draft not available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-draft will be circulated with minutes (Peter, Beth)
8.iii	Diltiazem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent out to all DHB's. Distribution may vary between DHB's Some discussion re funding for distribution because of questions raised by PHO's who were asked to do it Hawkes Bay have done pre audit and plan post audit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter to Hawkes Bay acknowledging audits (Beth)
8.iv	Morphine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to emphasise applies to morphine naïve patients Discussed whether community pharmacy need to keep higher strengths as well as lower Need to be stored on different shelves or in a different safe Include information on automated drug delivery systems eg Pyxis Change Clinical directors to CMO, add in community pharmacists, CMO's to distribute to clinical directors, pain team and palliative care physicians Examples of morphine incidents Suggestion we should add Tramadol to list of alerts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make changes to alert (Jane) Examples of incidents (Nirasha, Mary) Circulate alert round group for last time (Beth) Add comment about automated distribution systems (Marilyn, Elizabeth)
8.v	Intravenous infusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft position statement discussed Needs to involve procurement Needs alert to go with it highlighting need for policies and procedures to cover issues raised in conclusion Covering letter with incidents Send out for consultation, 3 weeks for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft alert (Marilyn) Send out for consultation (Beth)

		feedback, include directors of nursing	
8.vi	Good Prescribing Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send out for consultation • Issue with prescribing and dispensing of cilazapril/Inhibace raised ie prescribed as cilazapril, dispensed as cilazapril but box still shows Inhibace label and patients confused • Pharmacists required to leave original pack label visible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult (Beth)
8.vii	IT cytotoxic injection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation document sent out, closing date for submissions May 12th 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collate responses (Beth)
9.	Renal drug dosing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed results of initial consultation • If have it as push system GP's would turn it off because it would come up too often, pull system would be better but GP's would need to be aware of the need to bring it up • Make it a simple message e.g. if GFR less than 40ml/min need to adjust dose if prescribing from this list of drugs, do as alert • Could try and get labs to send message with GFR results but this omits patients over 60 who don't have creatinine measured • Can BPAC make their calculator electronic • Need to talk to Mims re their alerts system to see if it can be more user friendly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alert with simple message about prescribing in renal impairment (Tim) • Talk to BPAC re electronic version of their calculator (Beth) • Meet with Mims people (Beth, Marilyn)
10.	Development of eBNF for NZ by BPAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do they see it fitting with other tools already available • Need to include bar codes for the future 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite someone from BPAC to next meeting (Beth)
11.	Pharmacy Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmacy Council would like to assist where possible and suggest someone should attend one of our meetings or member of group should go to a Council meeting • Willing to distribute messages to pharmacists in their regular newsletters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite Council representative to next meeting (Beth)
12.	Colchicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 cases in the last 10 years in the Auckland region of accidental overdose or suicide causing death • Medsafe included updated dose recommendations in recent Prescriber Update but doesn't go far enough • Would like to see amount prescribed for acute treatment restricted • Include in list of alerts to be done? 	
13.	PreMec funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still discussing the allocation of funds 	
14.	Discharge drug management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to see this included in work programme • Would be covered by medication reconciliation project 	
15.	National Medication Chart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to move forward with this 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move development forward (Beth)
16.	Premixed potassium chloride bags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFP should be finalised in next 2 weeks so range should be available then • Availability also dependent on registration 	
	Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 22nd in Auckland 	