

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Medicines Committee
Summary of Main Points from the Meeting held on the 14th July 2014

Note: Due to attendance not satisfying the quorum requirement as detailed in the meeting Terms of Reference, the meeting was cancelled. It was agreed to approve some documents that were included on the agenda via Chair's action. Any documents that were included on the agenda for noting will be included on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting in September

5. Trust Medicines Management Annual Report 2013/14

• **Trust Medicines Management Annual Report 2013/14**

Decision: Approved via Chair's action.

Annually compiled report that summarises the activities of the Trust committees that are responsible for the management of medicines at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. The report describes developments throughout the 2013-14 year and reports on the results of external assessments.

This year there are two new sections added relating to:

- Homecare Services
- Innovation

The report will be forwarded to the Trust Quality Committee, followed by the Trust Assurance Committee as it provides extensive assurance of medicines governance arrangements that are in place within the Trust.

6. Medicines Management

• **Trust Adult Empirical Antimicrobial Treatment Guidelines - 2014**

Decision: Approved via Chair's action.

The Trust Adult Empirical Antimicrobial Treatment Guidelines has been updated. Changes to this version include:

- Updated aims to incorporate The Department of Health's guidance: Antibiotic stewardship 'Start Smart – Then Focus'
- Added a section on rationale for the policy
- Updated the roles and responsibilities of the antimicrobial pharmacists and medical microbiologists
- Updated the section "Review IV antimicrobials daily" general principles of good antimicrobial prescribing for prescribers to include the need to document a clear antimicrobial decision plan in accordance with Start Smart.
- Added "Benefits of Early Switch" and "IV to Oral Switch Criteria" to the intravenous therapy section
- Added a section on surgical prophylaxis
- Added a sub section on "Trust Restricted Antimicrobials" to "antimicrobial medications"
- Updated resistant organisms to include CRO/CRE
- Added nurses training to "support, education and training"
- Added "All patients prescribed an antibiotic should have a clearly documented "Antimicrobial Prescribing Decision" in their medical notes by 48 hours" to the KPI section
- Updated references

• **Penicillin Allergy Poster**

Decision: Approved via Chair's action

Penicillin Allergy Poster has been updated in accordance with antibiotics currently included on the Trust formulary.

• **Trust Adult Oxygen Therapy Policy - 2014**

Decision: Approved via Chair's action

The Trust Adult Oxygen Therapy Policy has been updated. Changes to this version include:

- Addition of pharmacists and healthcare assistants to the roles and responsibilities
- Further clarity to roles and responsibilities regarding escalation of a patient with saturations outside prescribed range.
- The overt exclusion of Vapotherm, CPAP, BiPAP, mechanical ventilation from the policy
- The addition of a statement to the effect that "The presence of a PCA (patient controlled analgesia) is not a specific clinical indication for supplemental oxygen therapy. Oxygen therapy should be considered on an individual basis taking account of other co-morbidities and the patient's current clinical picture."
- Amended section on prescribing to help clarify what is needed
- Addition of observation chart as a valid location for prescribing the oxygen
- Addition of a table outlining the full oxygen cylinder run times
- The addition of a section on training
- Updates to appendix a and b to aid clarity and make specific to the devices used at C&W

• **IV Administration Guide: Fomepizole**

Decision: Approved via Chair's action

New administration monograph for Fomepizole IV

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- **IV Administration Guide: Viper Antivenom**

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7. NICE TA Guidance

TA315 - Canagliflozin in combination therapy for treating Type 2 Diabetes

If a person needs to take 2 antidiabetic drugs, canagliflozin is recommended as a possible treatment for people with type 2 diabetes when taken with a drug called metformin, only if the person:

- cannot take a type of drug called a sulfonylurea or
- is at significant risk of hypoglycaemia or its consequences.

If a person needs to take 3 antidiabetic drugs, canagliflozin is recommended as a possible treatment when taken with either metformin and a sulfonylurea, or metformin and a type of drug called a thiazolidinedione.

Canagliflozin is recommended as a possible treatment taken with insulin, with or without other antidiabetic drugs.

Decision: Approved via Chair's action for addition to the Trust formulary.

11. Any other business

- **IV Administration guide: Moxifloxacin, Levofloxacin; Ethambutol**

Decision: Approved via Chair's action

IV monographs for Moxifloxacin, Levofloxacin and Ethambutol IV

13. Date of next meeting

Monday 8th September 2014, 8.00 - 9.00 – Board Room, Lower Ground Floor

Closing date for papers: Friday 15th August 2014