Welcome to the first edition of our new look ICB wide Medicines Matters newsletter. The newsletter has been produced with the input of place based Medicines Optimisation teams across Morecambe Bay, Blackpool Fylde & Wyre, Central and Pennine Lancashire and ICB wide medicines safety representatives.

Newsletters will be issued once a week on a Thursday and each weekly newsletter will have a specific focus to include

* A regular update on all the recent changes to prescribing guidance from the Lancashire and South Cumbria Medicines Management Group. This will include details on the introduction of any new guidelines, updates to existing guidelines and any changes to the RAG ratings and formulary status of medicines.
* A regular safety bulletin often focussing on recent NPSA and MHRA alerts and with useful embedded resources to help practices easily identify and review patients at risk.
* Regular clinical updates relevant to newly issued NICE guidance and locally identified areas of priority for medicines optimisation.
* Handy tips and guides to help practices get the most out of the EMIS web clinical system.
* A monthly round up of all recent updates to the Medicines Optimisation intranet site.

A library of back issues of these newsletters will be held within the Medicines Optimisation page on the LSCICB primary care intranet site and this can be accessed here [Prescribing guidance – Lancashire and South Cumbria Primary Care Intranet](https://primarycare.lancashireandsouthcumbria.nhs.uk/medicines-optimisation/prescribing-guidance/).

Registration is required if this is the first time you are visiting the intranet site. If you experience any problems whilst attempting to register please contact the LSCICB communications team on [lscicb.communications@nhs.net](mailto:lscicb.communications@nhs.net).

If you have received this bulletin and think it would be useful to share this information with other colleagues within your team/practice please do not hesitate to get in contact with your local Medicines Optimisation team with details of any email addresses you may wish to have added to our distribution lists.

If you have any ideas for future newsletters or feedback on a newsletter you have received please make contact with your local place based Medicines Optimisation team

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