

Chorley & South Ribble and Greater Preston CCG Glaucoma Audit Results 2018-2019

Prescribing tip for information

During 2018-2019 the Medicines Optimisation Team re-ran glaucoma audits in all practices within CSR and GP CCGs, following the huge success of this piece of work in 2012-2013. The audit was led by the medicine optimisation technicians and designed to review all patients with a diagnosis of or receiving treatment for glaucoma. The minimum number of patients reviewed was 50 per practice, but in some practices this number was exceeded. To date the medicines optimisation technicians have reviewed a total of 3,635 patients across both CCGs. Each review included checking if the patient was regularly monitored by an appropriate specialist in line with NICE guidance, that the correct treatment and dose, as recommended by specialist was being prescribed, checking patient's adherence with medication and that generic prescribing was used where appropriate.

The following table summarises the findings from (max) 50 patients per practice.

Summary of 2018 -2019 Audit Results: Chorley & South Ribble and Greater Preston CCG						
CCG	Number of glaucoma patients reviewed	% of patients overdue/lost to review	% of patients not appropriately read coded	% of patients prescribed incorrect medication	% of patients with incomplete/incorrect dosage instructions	% of patients failing to collect regularly (additional data collected for 18/19 audit)
C&SR	1,349	13.6% ↓	14.5% ↑	2.7% ↑	15.4% ↑	5%
GP	1,138	17.7% ↓	15.4% ↑	6.6% ↑	18.8% ↑	6.4%

The findings from our audit revealed that many of the problems that were identified in the 2012/2013 audit were still ongoing; whilst overdue appointments have decreased, **all other areas have increased** with the most marked increase being 'incomplete/incorrect dosage instructions.' This is represented by the arrows in the table above.

- Medicines co-ordinators have been an important link between our team and outside agencies throughout the glaucoma audit.
- A glaucoma presentation was delivered by the MOT technicians at both Medicines Co-ordinator sessions in February 2019, to educate, share audit outcomes and going forward, **handing this piece of work over to the medicines co-ordinators to continue to monitor.**
- Excellent contacts have been made during this process to assist with queries, and an agreed contacts list has now been shared with all medicines co-ordinators.
- Please continue to feedback any problems with eye clinic letters to the medicines optimisation team, so that we can highlight these to the appropriate people/team.
- Many practices promoted 'World Glaucoma Week' (10-16th March 2019) sharing posters and information on the practice's social media pages and updating their patient information boards in waiting rooms.
- **To note National Eye Health Week is 23rd- 29th September 2019**, providing a further opportunity to promote patient awareness. **The Medicines Optimisation Team have a limited stock of resources to share with practices if you would wish to promote this event within practice. Please let us know if you would like a supply.**

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