

National Clinical Programme for Neurology

Public Consultation on Draft Model of Care from 6th March to the 10th April 2015
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Name:		Irene Patterson
Organisation:		Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland
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Executive summary (final paragraph)	6	Suggest that Pharmacist is added to the list of people who work in the team alongside the Consultant Neurologist to provide an appropriate standard of care to patients. This would be consistent with what is set out in Appendix 1 'The roles of the Neurology Multidisciplinary team members' where the pharmacist is highlighted as having an important role in the safe supply of medicines to these patients.
1.2	15	The statistics quoted are potentially unclear- we had difficulty linking the stats in point one with the stats in point three.

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11	64-71	<p>Suggest clear reference to the role of the pharmacist in this section. Regulation 9 of the Regulation of Retail Pharmacy Businesses Regulations 2008 places a clear legal responsibility on pharmacists to clinically review a prescription before they dispense a medicine to ensure it is safe and appropriate for the patient, and to counsel the patient on the correct use and storage of the medicines. This regulation specifically states:</p> <p><i>'Review of medicine therapy and counselling of patients in the supply of medicinal products on foot of a prescription</i></p> <p><i>9. (1) A person carrying on a retail pharmacy business, the superintendent pharmacist and the supervising pharmacist shall ensure that, prior to the dispensing of each prescription and prior to the supply of the medicinal product concerned, a registered pharmacist reviews the prescription having regard to the pharmaceutical and therapeutic appropriateness of the medicine therapy for the patient.</i></p> <p><i>(2) The review provided for in paragraph (1) shall include screening for any potential therapy problems which may arise out of the use of any medicinal product that may have been prescribed and which the registered pharmacist is, or, in the course of his professional practice, ought reasonably to be, aware of. The potential problems to be screened for shall include those which may be due to therapeutic duplication, interactions with other medicinal products (including serious interactions with non-prescription medicinal products, herbal products or foods), incorrect dosage or duration of treatment, allergic reactions, and clinical abuse and/or misuse.'</i></p> <p>This regulation also requires that the pharmacist <i>shall ensure that the patient has sufficient information and advice for the proper use and storage of the prescribed medicinal product and shall offer to discuss with the patient, or with the carer of such a patient, all such matters as the pharmacist, in the exercise of his or her professional judgement, deems significant.</i></p>

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