



Education Newsletter

September 2023



Thank you again for your kind comments about our newsletters, we appreciate the support and feedback. If anyone would like anything included please let us know.

Champion Team of the month: Moving and Handling Team



Josie Hauxwell, Sue Duckett and Ruth Ellicot make up the **moving and handling team** at Derian House.

The Moving and handling champion team deserve a shout out this month for their dedication to the role, training up over 20 members of staff and students since June. Being trained in moving and handling and having yearly updates helps us to protect ourselves and the children and young people in our care. Ruth is a new member of the team who will be doing her train the trainer course in the next few months.

Education Headline News

Record Keeping & Documentation

There is a new Record Keeping and Documentation information presentation written by the Documentation clinical champion team that members of the care team need to complete as soon as possible.

This presentation can be found on the intranet and has been emailed.

Once completed, please follow the link for forms or email the educators clinical.educator@derianhouse.co.uk



Student Nurse Day

Next month Tanya, Lisa L and Alison M hope to host a student nurse day, like the professional's day where student nurses from any branch of nursing or paramedic practice can learn about Derian house.

We think it would be really valuable for them to learn about what a day in the life of different team members looks like so we are looking for volunteers who would be able to either create a short 15-minute PowerPoint for us to share or come and have a 15-minute chat about your role. We would love input from the in house team, youth team, play and wellbeing, Derian @ home/ DAHRT and family support but would welcome anyone that is happy to chat about their role.

Student Nurses at Derian House

We have a second year student Learning disability nurse called Rebecca Green joining us on 25th September. Please give her a warm Derian House Welcome

Education compliance & Support

Education compliance is at 92% for competencies and 97% for Elearning. We will be sending emails every few months with your outstanding or expiring competencies/ training so please check your emails and keep up the good work!

The education team is here to support you and would like to invite staff to book into a 1:1 support clinic to discuss things such as competencies, clinical skills, revalidation, career progression and funding for courses. Just email clinical.education@derianhouse.co.uk

Focus Day: Patient Safety Day

September 17th 2023 is the World Health Organisation (WHO) World Patient Safety day and this year's theme is 'Elevate the voice of patients', calling on professionals to empower patients and their families to take an active role in shaping their care.

We can do this by encouraging children, young people and their families to tell us what would make their experience of Derian House even more amazing. To find out more about this year's theme use the QR code. We can also enhance patient safety by ensuring that we all adhere to infection control measures, by following the IPC policy, paying particular attention to hand hygiene and ANTT. Can you think of some other ways we can protect the safety of the children and young people that use our services?

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Safety in Medicines Management

Did you know? The occurrence of adverse events due to unsafe care is likely one of the 10 leading causes of death and disability in the world. Up to 80% of patient harm is preventable and some of the most detrimental errors are related to diagnosis, prescription and the use of medicines. Medication errors are a leading cause of injury and avoidable harm across health care systems (WHO, 2019).

The NMC code outlines proficiencies that registered nurse professionals must meet which include;

- Understand the principles of safe and effective administration and optimisation of medicines in accordance with local and national policies and demonstrate proficiency and accuracy when calculating dosages of prescribed medicines
- Demonstrate knowledge of pharmacology and the ability to recognise the effects of medicines, allergies, drug sensitivities, side effects, contraindications, incompatibilities, adverse reactions, prescribing errors and the impact of polypharmacy and over the counter medication usage
- Recognise the various procedural routes under which medicines can be prescribed, supplied, dispensed and administered; and the laws, policies, regulations and guidance that underpin them
- Undertake accurate drug calculations for a range of medications
- Exercise professional accountability in ensuring the safe administration of medicines to those receiving care
- Administer medications using a range of routes
- Recognise and respond to adverse or abnormal reactions to medications
- Undertake safe storage, transportation and disposal of medicinal products

Administration of medication via the wrong route is classified as a 'Never Event' by the National Patient Safety Improvement Programme. These errors have the potential to cause serious harm or death and require investigation under the serious incident framework which looks at what went wrong and how to prevent the incident reoccurring (NHS Improvement, 2018).

Remember the 5 rights of medication administration and ensure you follow the medication management policy which can be found on the intranet. Always check for allergies.

Monitor children and young people for any adverse effects from medications including medical devices and report issues to the MHRA

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Right patient
Right drug
Right dose
Right route
Right time

Every report to the MHRA Yellow Card scheme helps improve patient safety

mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard

Use the Yellow Card scheme to report suspected side effects to medicines, vaccines, herbal or homeopathic products, suspected fake products, any problems with medical devices (including software, apps and artificial intelligence) and e-cigarettes including their refill containers (e-liquids).



Condition of the month

September: Sepsis

SEPSIS >> SAY SEPSIS SEPTEMBER SAVE LIVES

Sepsis Quiz

Please scan the QR code



Facts

In a nutshell, sepsis arises when the body's response to an infection injures its own tissues and organs. It may lead to shock, multi-organ failure, and death – especially if not recognized early and treated promptly. It can be caused by all infections including bacterial, viral fungal and parasites (worldsepsisday.org, 2023). Sepsis is frequently not diagnosed early enough to save a patient's life and can rapidly lead to deteriorating clinical conditions, affecting an estimated 31 million people worldwide and causing over 5 million deaths per year (WHO, 2019).

Just Ask: Could it be Sepsis?

Sepsis is a life-threatening condition triggered by an infection anywhere in the body – including a dental or throat infection. It kills 44,000 people a year in the UK, yet can be treated easily if caught early. So if someone on antibiotics, or who has a fever or flu-like symptoms, becomes very unwell, always ask 'could it be sepsis?'



ANY ADULT WHO HAS:

Slurred speech or confusion
Extrême shivering or muscle pain
Passed no urine in a day
Severe breathlessness
Illness so bad they fear they are dying
Skin mottled or discoloured



ANY CHILD WHO:

- Is breathing very fast
- Has a convulsion
- Looks mottled, blush or pale
- Has a rash that does not fade when pressed
- Is very lethargic or difficult to wake up
- Feels abnormally cold to touch

MIGHT HAVE SEPSIS:
CALL 999 AND JUST ASK 'COULD IT BE SEPSIS?'

Focus of the month: Duchenne Awareness Day



September 7th 2023 is Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Day.

Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) is a genetic disorder that causes progressive muscle weakness and degeneration. The prevalence of DMD is 1:5,000 and it affects mainly boys and those assigned male at birth, and is caused by a mutation in the gene that makes a protein called dystrophin. Dystrophin helps keep the muscles intact, so without it, the muscles break down over time.

DMD usually starts to affect the legs first, meaning that a powered wheelchair may be needed by primary school age, followed by a progressive loss of strength in the upper arms, requiring more dependence for mobility and personal care.

As those with DMD grow older, they will be more susceptible to cardiomyopathy, scoliosis and respiratory infections. The brain can also be affected and behavioural conditions such as ADHD, OCD and Autism.

There is no cure for DMD, but treatments can help manage symptoms and improve quality of life. Some of the treatments include medication, physical therapy, surgery, mechanical ventilation and occupational therapy.

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