

# General Dental Services – Monthly News Sheet

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 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! 

## Guidance in relation to Prescription Safety in General Dental Practices

Guidance has been produced to assist dental practices in developing their own procedures and systems to ensure the security of dental prescription forms held within the practice and by practitioners when attending patients outside of their practice. Please click on the following link for further information. <http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2670.htm>

## Adoption of SDCEP's August 2015 guidance 'Management of Dental Patients Taking Anticoagulants or Antiplatelet Drugs'

The Department of Health (NI) has now adopted the SDCEP's August 2015 guidance on the 'Management of Dental Patients Taking Anticoagulants or Antiplatelet Drugs' and will be informing all GDPs by letter. The guidance is available electronically at the following link: [www.sdcep.org.uk](http://www.sdcep.org.uk)

Dentists will have an opportunity to use the full guidance, a quick reference guide, and examine the evidence base contained in the supporting documents.

Please note that SDCEP guidance is primarily Scottish guidance and some of the material, processes, organisations etc. described in the suite of documentation may not be applicable here.

The Department of Health has already endorsed two other SDCEP publications:

'Drug Prescribing For Dentistry – Dental Clinical Guidance 3rd Edition' in April 2017 and 'Oral Health Management of Patients at Risk of Medication-related Osteonecrosis of the Jaw' in July 2017

## Guidance for health clearance and management of healthcare workers

New guidance has been published on the health clearance and management of healthcare workers infected with HIV, Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C.

Please click on the following link for further information.

[http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/HSS\(MD\)28 - Management of healthcare workers \(2017\).pdf](http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/HSS(MD)28-Management%20of%20healthcare%20workers%20(2017).pdf)

## DRUG ALERT— CLASS 4 MEDICINES DEFECT INFORMATION

### Buccolam Oromucosal Syringes

Drug Alert Communication on potential product defect with BUCCOLAM (midazolam) prefilled plastic syringes. For further information and guidance please see the following link:

<http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2442.htm>

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