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Item Number	Date of Issue	Subject	Policy	Detail/Action
1	30 Jun 04	<p>Review of the Utility of the Pain Reliever Co-Proxamol (Distalgesic; Cosalgesic; Dolgesic) and Request for Evidence of Risks and Benefits</p> <p>Co-proxamol</p> <p>Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) review of the risks and benefits of co-proxamol, in the light of longstanding concerns about safety and efficacy and more recent data concerning safety in overdose. The MHRA would welcome comments from NHSScotland. The consultation period runs from 30 June 2004 until 22 September 2004. Please respond direct to the MHRA.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>Category:</b> Consultation</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives, NHS Boards.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> Yes  <b>Response Deadline:</b> 22 September 2004</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Norma Darroch  0131-244-2516</p> <p><b>Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:norma.darroch@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">norma.darroch@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>

2	30 Jun 04	<p>Supplementary Prescribing: Pharmacist Practitioners: a Guide for Implementation within NHS Scotland</p> <p>Supplementary Prescribing Guidance</p> <p>"The Right Medicine: a Strategy for Pharmaceutical Care in Scotland", published in February 2002, encourages joint working between medical and pharmacist practitioners. The guide facilitates joint working and guidance on good practice for pharmacist supplementary prescribing.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> HDL (2004) 35</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Action</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives, NHS Boards.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Mary Waugh 0131-244-2870</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:mary.waugh@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">mary.waugh@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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