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Item Number	Date of Issue	Subject	Policy	Detail/Action
1	5 Feb 07	<p data-bbox="504 245 1182 316">Patients Receiving Concurrent Treatment from NHS and Private Providers</p> <p data-bbox="504 357 1196 608">Clinicians may receive requests from patients to supplement NHS treatments with drugs or other treatments not currently available from the NHS following SMC and/or NHS Quality Improvement Scotland advice. This letter sets out guidance on the legal position and the process that should be followed in such circumstances.</p> <p data-bbox="504 649 734 683">click here to view</p>		<p data-bbox="1460 245 1991 279">HDL/Other Code: SEHD/CMO(2007)3</p> <p data-bbox="1460 320 1912 354">Category: Action and Information</p> <p data-bbox="1460 395 2058 536">For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards; Directors of Public Health; Medical Directors, NHS Boards; Directors of Pharmacy, NHS Boards.</p> <p data-bbox="1460 577 1935 651">For Information: Chief Executives, Independent Sector.</p> <p data-bbox="1460 692 1787 726">Response Required: No</p> <p data-bbox="1460 767 1955 831">SEHD Contact: Elizabeth Porterfield 0131 244 2352</p> <p data-bbox="1460 873 2018 906">Email: liz.porterfield@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>

2	5 Feb 07	<p>Drug alert no. 3/2007: Class 4 Medicines Defect information: BOC Ltd Compressed Nitrous Oxide Cylinders</p> <p>Following our drug alert no.2/2007, issued on 25 January for AZ size aluminium medical oxygen cylinders, BOC have now informed us that a small number of medical nitrous oxide AZ cylinders may also present a danger when used in MRI units.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>Category: Action and Information</p> <p>For Action: Specialists in Pharmaceutical Public Health; Chief Pharmacist, NHS Boards.</p> <p>For Information: Hospital Pharmacy Managers; Chief Executives, NHS Boards.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Irene Foster 0131 244 2528</p> <p>Email: irene.foster@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
3	5 Feb 07	<p>Influenza Immunisation 2007-08: Vaccine Supply Arrangements</p> <p>Sets out the arrangements which will apply for reimbursing community pharmacy contractors and dispensing doctors for the supply of influenza vaccine in 2007-08.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: PCA(P)(2007)02</p> <p>Category: Action and Information</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards.</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executive, NHS NSS; Director of Practitioner Services, NHS NSS.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Jean Murray 0131 244 2274</p> <p>Email: Jean.Murray@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>

4	5 Feb 07	<p>Pneumococcal Immunisation Programme</p> <p>Sets out the arrangements for reimbursing community pharmacy contractors and dispensing doctors for the supply of pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPV) in 2007-08.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: PCA(P)(2007)03</p> <p>Category: Action and Information</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards; Director of Practitioner Services, NHS NSS.</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executive, NHS NSS.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Jean Murray 0131 244 2274</p> <p>Email: Jean.Murray@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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5	5 Feb 07	<p>Cancer Genetic Services in Scotland: Management of Women with a Family History of Breast Cancer</p> <p>The revised guideline attached to this HDL updates the breast section of HDL(2001)24 which was issued in March 2001 setting out core principles for the implementation of cancer genetic services in breast, ovarian and colorectal cancer in Scotland. The ovarian and colorectal cancer sections in the original HDL remain extant.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: HDL(2007)8</p> <p>Category: Action and Information</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards; Chief Operating Officers, NHS Boards; Regional Genetics Units; Chairs/Lead Clinicians, Regional Cancer Advisory Groups.</p> <p>For Information: Directors of Public Health; Medical Directors, NHS Boards; Directors of Nursing, NHS Boards; Regional Cancer Networks Managers; and professional bodies/other organisations.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Elizabeth Porterfield 0131 244 2352</p> <p>Email: elizabeth.porterfield@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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6	5 Feb 07	<p>Scottish Referral Guidelines for Suspected Cancer</p> <p>Attaches guidelines which are an update of the Scottish Referral Guidelines for Suspected Cancer previously published by the Scottish Executive in May 2002. The revised guidelines have been produced by an Expert Group consulting widely with colleagues in many disciplines, and take account of new research evidence and the findings of audits undertaken since publication of the previous guidelines. The recommendations made here supersede those in the early guidelines.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: HDL(2007)9</p> <p>Category: Action and Information</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards; Chief Operating Officers, NHS Boards; Chairs/Lead Clinicians, Regional Cancer Advisory Groups.</p> <p>For Information: Directors of Public Health; Medical Directors, NHS Boards; Directors of Nursing, NHS Boards; Regional Cancer Network Managers; professional bodies/other organisations.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Elizabeth Porterfield 0131 244 2352</p> <p>Email: elizabeth.porterfield@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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