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Item Number	Date of Issue	Subject	Policy	Detail/Action
1	23 Jul 07	<p>Risk of Depression and Suicidal Behaviour with Acomplia (Rimonabant)</p> <p>Drug safety information about depression and suicidal ideation associated with treatment with Acomplia.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>Category: Action and Information</p> <p>For Action: Specialists in Pharmaceutical Public Health.</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executives, NHS Boards.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>Contact: Irene Foster 0131 244 2528</p> <p>Email: irene.foster@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>

2	20 Jul 07	<p>Discontinuation of Prescription Stationery Version 3</p> <p>This circular reminds NHS Boards about the discontinuation of the version 3 prescription forms and the action to be taken by NHS Boards, their prescribers and dispensers.</p> <p>click here to view</p>	<p>PCA 2007(P)11(M) 6</p>	<p>CEL/Other Code: PCA(P)(2007)23; PCA(M)(2007)9</p> <p>Category: Action and Information</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards; Chief Executive, State Hospital Board for Scotland.</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executive, NHS National Services Scotland; Counter Fraud Services.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>Contact: Shelagh Scott 0131 244 2529</p> <p>Email: shelagh.scott@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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3	20 Jul 07	<p>The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007</p> <p>This letter informs NHS Boards and Practitioner Services of amendments made to the NHS (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (“the 2007 Regulations”) by the NHS (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>CEL/Other Code: HDL(2007)31</p> <p>Category: Action and Information</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards; Chief Executive, NHS National Services Scotland Scotland.</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executive, NHS Health Scotland; Chief Executive, State Hospital Board for Scotland; Chief Executive, NHS 24; Counter Fraud Services.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>Contact: Shelagh Scott 0131 244 2597</p> <p>Email: shelagh.scott@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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4	20 Jul 07	<p>General Ophthalmic Services: Allowance for Continuing Education and Training</p> <p>This letter advises NHS Boards and Practitioner Services of the allowances payable to optometrists and ophthalmic medical practitioners for loss of earnings in respect of continuing education and training (CET) for 2006.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>CEL/Other Code: PCA(O)(2007)4</p> <p>Category: Action and Information</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards; Director, Practitioner Services</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executive, NHS National Services Scotland.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>Contact: Lynne Morrison 0131 244 2466</p> <p>Email: Lynne.A.Morrison@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
5	13 Jul 07	<p>ePharmacy Programme: Electronic Transfer of Prescriptions (ETP) between GP Practices and Community Pharmacies</p> <p>This circular provides an update on progress for the introduction, under the ePharmacy Programme, of the electronic transfer of GP10 prescriptions (ETP) between GP practices and NHS community pharmacies.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>CEL/Other Code: PCA(P)(2007)21</p> <p>Category: Action and Information</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards.</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executive, NHS National Services Scotland.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>Contact: James White 0131 244 3433</p> <p>Email: james.white@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>

