

Patient Group Directions (PGD) & Patient Specific Directions (PSD)

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What do you do son?

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Overview

- Legislations
- What is a PGD
- What is a PSD
- Compare PGD to PSG
- When / how to use PGD
- PGD: radiology, HEFT exp.
- Resources

Learning outcome

- Grossly familiar with regulation of med.
- Understand PGD
- Know the differences between PDG & PSD
- Be familiar with the use PGD in radiology Directorate
- Know where to go for more information

Regulations

- Medicines Act 1968 (This Act regulates, in part, the manufacture, distribution and importation of medicinal products). You may wish to view the small prints @ <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1968/67>
- The Prescription Only Medicines (Human Use) Order 1997 as amended in 2003 (This order specifies the descriptions and classes of prescription only medicines)
- Medicines for Human Use (Manufacturing, Wholesale Dealing and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2005
- A host of EU Council Directives e.g. 2003/94/EC

Specific Regulations / Guidance

- Health Service Circular HSC 2000/026 - Patient Group Directions. [England Only] (DoH, 9/8/2000)
- PGDs in the NHS (**MHRA, 5/2/2009**)
- Patient Group Directions in the private, prison and police sectors (MHRA, 5/2/2009)

How do patients receive med

Conventional route

- Consult a doctor or dentist
- Personal (one to one) assessment
- Writes a prescription
- Pharmacists dispense

'Agenda for change'?

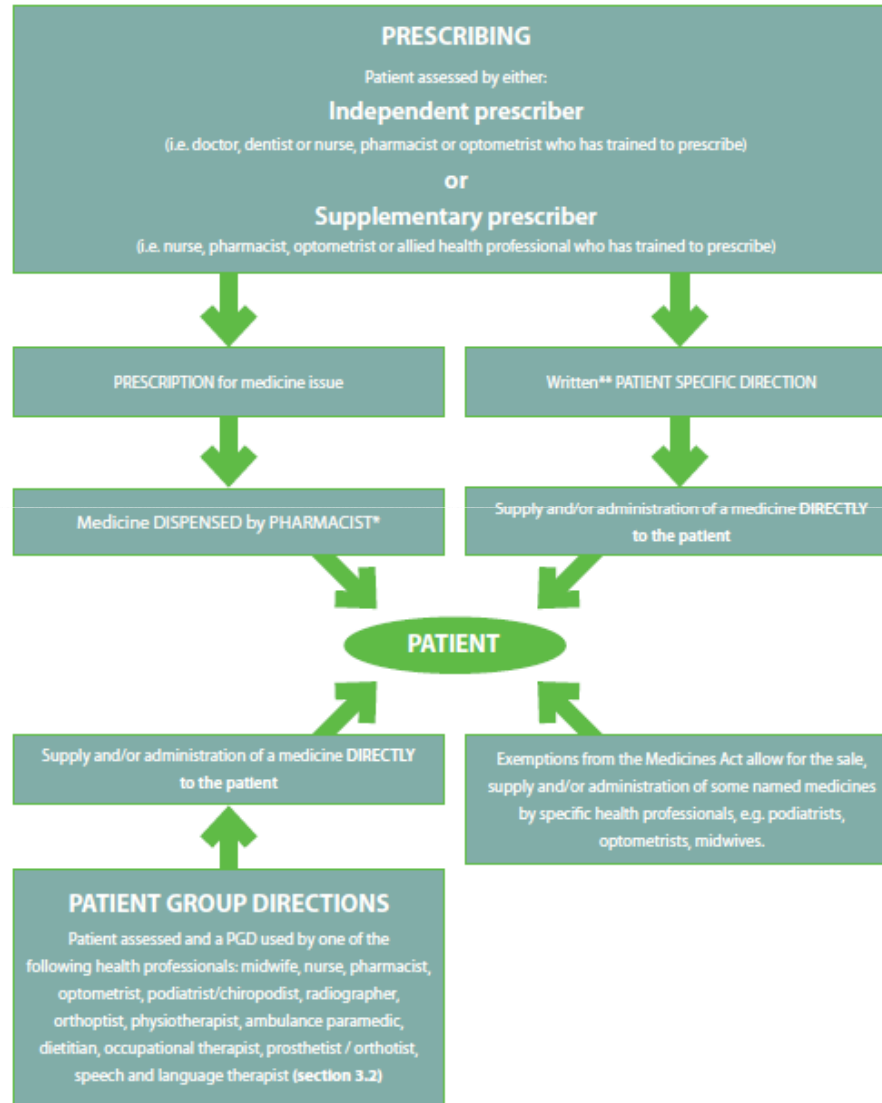
- Services re-design
- Enhanced (extended) roles
- Patients' needs (necessary and convenient for patient)
- Productivity

Options

- Patient Group Directions (DoH, 2000)
- Supplementary prescribing – Nurses, Midwives, Pharmacists, Radiographers etc (DoH, 2005)
- Independent prescribing – Nurses Midwives, Pharmacists and Optometrists (DoH, 2006)

Prescription is known as Patient Specific Directions (PSD)

Figure 1: How patients receive their medicines.



What is PGD

... ‘a written instruction for the supply and/or administration of a specified medicine or medicines, **by named authorised health professionals**, to a well-defined group of patients requiring treatment for the condition described in the PGD. **The health professional must be registered**’ (NMC, 2010).

... ‘a written instruction for the supply and/or administration of a **licensed medicine** (or medicines) in an **identified clinical situation**, **signed by a doctor or dentist and a pharmacist**. It applies to groups of patients who may not be individually identified before presenting for treatment’ (NPC, 2009)



What is a PSD

... *'PSD is a written instruction from a qualified and registered prescriber for a medicine including the dose, route and frequency or appliance to be supplied or administered to a named patient'*
(NMC 2010).

PGD: practical considerations

1. Legal issues – the small print (only certain professions are allowed to prescribe / use PGDs)
2. Service configurations suitable for PGD?
 - a. Very useful for first contact not for managing chronic conditions
 - b. Useful where the use of medicine is predictable – not individualised
 - c. Useful when there is need to deliver quicker access
3. **Implementation!!! (Legal requirement)**
 - a. Agree a PGD
 - b. Register staff approved to operate the PGD

Compare PSD & PGD

	PSD	PGD
Additional qualification	Yes	No
Competency reqd	Yes	Yes
Written prescription	Yes	No
Named Patient	Yes	No
Direct instruction	Yes	No
Assessment b4 administration	No	Yes
Named staff	Yes	Yes
Documentation reqd	Yes	Yes

Where could PGDs be used

‘A PGD provides a legal mechanism by which medicines can be supplied and/or administered to patients by a specified range of healthcare professionals, without first seeing a doctor or dentist’ (NPC, 2009).

- NHS

From 2003;

- Independent hospitals, agencies and clinics registered under the Care Standards Act 2000
- Prison healthcare services
- Police services
- Defence medical services

PGD implementation

(The HEFT experience)

- Identified the need to operate within legal framework
- PGDs were written (see sample)
- PGDs were approved by appropriate authorities
- Authorised staff register will be opened shortly
- Ensure you are listed!

Resources

- <http://medman/pgd/> (HEFT)
- <http://www.nelm.nhs.uk/en/Communities/NeLM/PGDs>
- <http://www.mhra.gov.uk/>
- <http://www.npc.co.uk/>
- <http://www.npsa.nhs.uk/>

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