

## Time critical medications campaign update

As a nurse working directly with people with Parkinson's, you're at the forefront of delivering outstanding health care for them. Read on to discover the latest developments from the *Time critical medications* (TCM) campaign to ensure that people with Parkinson's get their medications on time, every time in hospital.

### Royal College of Emergency Medicine launches time critical medications quality improvement programme

A new quality improvement programme (QIP) aims to make visits to accident and emergency departments safer for thousands of people every year.

Taking place over 3 years, the QIP will focus on different types of TCMs each year, and on the patient journey from arrival to departure. For the first year of the programme, participating emergency departments will collect data for people living with Parkinson's who take oral levodopa medication and for patients living with diabetes mellitus on subcutaneous insulin.

Parkinson's UK is collaborating with the Royal College of Emergency Medicine (RCEM) to support this important project.

[A comprehensive information pack about the TCM QIP is available](#) and hospitals can sign up by completing a [registration form](#).

**Please share this news with your contacts and encourage emergency departments to [register for the QIP](#).**

### New time critical medication guides for health professionals

We've launched 3 new practical guides to support UK health professionals to deliver time critical medication on time, every time for people with Parkinson's:

- [Read the time critical medication in Parkinson's guide for NHS ward staff](#)
- [Read the hospital pharmacist time critical medication guide](#)
- [Read the swallowing guide for the nurse in charge and ward staff](#)

As a Parkinson's nurse you play a key role in educating your colleagues about time critical medications and these guides could add to your educational toolkit.

### What's next?

Earlier this year chief nursing officers (CNOs) in England, Scotland and Wales cascaded a document which sets out 10 recommendations for improving medicines management for people with Parkinson's. When implemented, these 10 recommendations will lead to real change in this important quality improvement work. [Read the 10 recommendations document here.](#)

These recommendations have been developed by the healthcare professionals with Parkinson's group in collaboration with the Parkinson's Excellence Network. Together, we want to increase NHS colleagues' understanding around the importance of time critical medication for people with Parkinson's, and give them the tools they need to make improvement happen.

During November and December we're contacting hospital chief executives in England to ask them to benchmark their organisation against the recommendations and provide us with feedback so we can identify opportunities to help.

In Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, our Parkinson's UK country teams will be using their local knowledge and contacts to follow up the recommendations in the way that best suits each organisation.

Please share the 10 recommendations document in your own organisation and feedback to us.

### Further information



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