





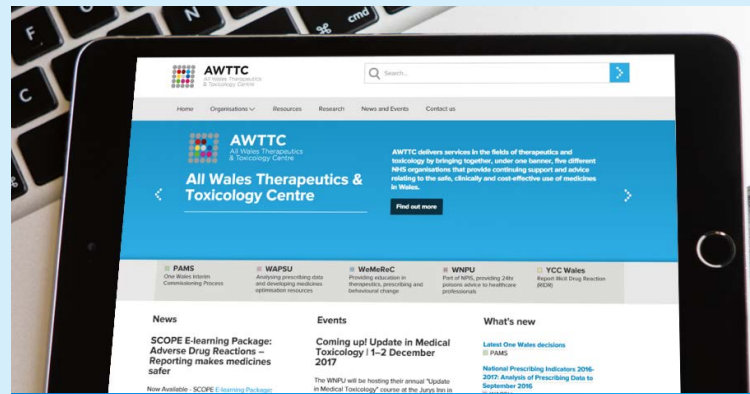


## Welcome to the AWTTC Newsletter!

Quarterly updates to keep you informed of our latest news and work.

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### Professor Phil Routledge retires as Clinical Director of AWTTC | May 2019

On 9th May 2019, AWTTC staff paid tribute to their Clinical Director and founder Professor Phil Routledge as he enters retirement after almost 40 years of service in the NHS in Wales.

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### AWTTC at the Urdd National Eisteddfod | May 2019

On 30 May 2019, AWTTC staff were at the Urdd National Eisteddfod in Cardiff Bay. The Eisteddfod is a competitive festival with over 15,000 children and young adults under the age of 25 taking part in competitions such as singing, dancing and performing during the week. It was a great opportunity for us to engage with the general public, raise awareness of AWTTC's work and highlight how people can get involved.

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## WAPSU

Welsh Analytical Prescribing Support Unit  
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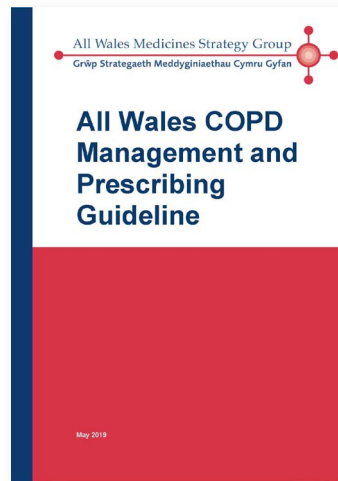
- Analysing prescribing data and developing medicines optimisation resources...

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## All Wales Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Management and Prescribing Guideline

| May 2019

This guideline, published in May and developed by the Respiratory Health Implementation Group, aims to reduce variation in inhaler prescribing between different practices despite similar prevalences of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).



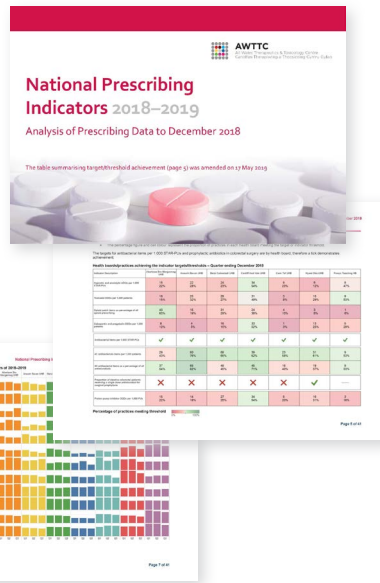
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## Quarterly NPI report

| April 2019

The third National Prescribing Indicator (NPI) report for 2018-2019 has been published, analysing data for the quarter ending December 2018. NPIs for 2018-2019 include indicators for primary and secondary care, and have been categorised as safety, stewardship or efficiency indicators.

The majority of NPIs with a threshold showed improvement across Wales in line with the aim of each indicator, compared with the equivalent quarter of the previous year.



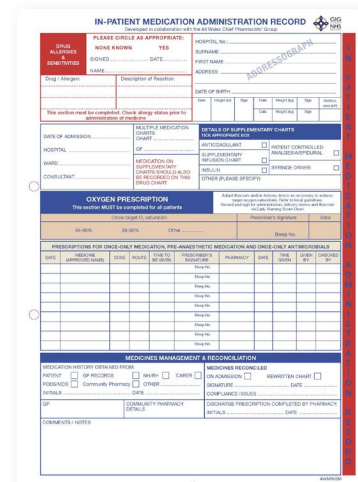
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## All Wales In-patient Medication Administration Record

| May 2019

An updated In-Patient Administration Record was endorsed by AWMSG in May 2019.

To improve adherence to recommendations within the 'Start Smart Then Focus' toolkit, this updated administration record includes dedicated antimicrobial prescribing sections.



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## WeMeReC

Welsh Medicines Resource Centre  
Canolfan Adnoddau Moddion Cymru

- Providing education in therapeutics, prescribing and behavioural change...

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- Providing 24-hour poisons advice to healthcare professionals...

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## Coming up — Medical Toxicology Course

| Register now — 18th-19th October 2019

This two day course is designed for those interested in medical toxicology - emergency medicine staff, doctors in training, specialist registrars, nurses (particularly those working in emergency medicine), laboratory staff, and specialists in poisons information - who wish to gain expertise in the management of common toxicological problems.

Places are limited and early application is advised.

**MEDICAL TOXICOLOGY COURSE**

18TH & 19TH OCTOBER 2019  
JURY'S INN, CARDIFF, UK.

This intensive two day course is designed for those interested in medical toxicology. This course will aid those who wish to gain expertise in the practical management of common toxicological problems.

Previous attendees included nurses and physicians from urgent care, minor injuries, emergency and intensive care departments, paramedics, medical students, specialist registrars and specialists in poisons information.

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Places are limited and early application is advised.

**£300 FOR 2 DAYS OR £200 PER DAY**

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## WNPU attends 39th EAPCCT Congress

| May 2019

This years' European Association of Poisons Centres and Clinical Toxicologists (EAPCCT) congress took place in Naples, Italy, from 21-24 May 2019. Attended by 392 people from 46 countries and five continents, it serves as an international platform for physicians and scientists who have the combined goal of advancing knowledge and understanding in the diagnosis and treatment of poisoning.

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## PAMS Patient Access to Medicines Service Mynediad Claf at Wasanaeth Meddyginiaethau

- Supporting health technology appraisals and coordinating the outputs of IPFR panels across Wales...

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## Individual Patient Funding Request workshop 2019 held

| May 2019

The All Wales Therapeutics & Toxicology Centre (AWTTC) held its fourth Individual Patient Funding Request (IPFR) workshop on 1 May 2019, at Cardiff City Stadium. This annual event provides training to IPFR panel members. It aims to improve decision making and encourage consistent decisions across Wales.

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## New medicines advice

| April-June 2019

PAMS supports the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) to assess and monitor new medicines in Wales.

In April, Welsh Government approved advice from AWMSG for blinatumomab (Blincyto®) and mepolizumab (Nucala®).

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In June, Welsh Government approved advice from AWMSG for fingolimod (Gilenya®) and doxylamine succinate/pyridoxine hydrochloride (Xonvea®).

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## Policy for appraising medicines for rare diseases reviewed

| June 2019

AWMSG has updated their policy for appraising medicines for rare diseases.

The policy was amended to implement the recommendations from the review of the AWMSG process in July 2018 and to more closely align with the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) highly specialised technology programmes interim process.

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**YCC Wales**  
Yellow Card Centre Wales  
Canolfan Cerdyn Melyn Cymru

● [Monitoring adverse reactions to medicines...](#)

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## YCC Wales attend 16th Annual Welsh Immunisation Conference

| April 2019

YCC Wales attended the 16th Annual Welsh Immunisation Conference held in Cardiff. The conference was very successful, with YCC Wales generating lots of interest in Yellow Card training for school nurses, GP practice nurses, and health visitors.

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## YCC Wales at the Chief Pharmacists' Symposium 2019

| May 2019

YCC Wales attended the Chief Pharmacists' Symposium, an annual event organised by Cardiff University's School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. This year's theme was centred around the WHO's "Medication Without Harm" challenge.

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## YCC Wales attend the British Dental Conference and Dental Show

| May 2019

YCC Wales attended the British Dental Conference, an event which sees approximately 10,000 dental professionals attending every year.

YCC Wales also collaborated with YCC North West to give a talk about Yellow Card reporting in dentistry. The talk covered adverse drug reactions (ADRs) that are commonly seen by dentists and ADRs caused by medication prescribed by dentists.

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