

THE ROLE OF THE PHARMACIST

BEST PRACTICE FOR DISPENSING CBPMS – OPTIMISING PATIENT OUTCOMES AND CLINICAL
EXCELLENCE

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25 pharmacies regularly supplying CBPMs, of which 24 were operational at the time, were analysed, with 68 concerns raised about CBPM management and supply.

Agenda

01. Pharmacist's Clinical Role

02. Best Practice Principles

03. Common Challenges

04. Collaborative Practice

Understanding CBPMs in Modern Healthcare

CBPM Overview

Rapidly evolving therapeutic area.

CPBMs demand careful consideration of patient safety, regulatory compliance, and evidence-based practice to optimise therapeutic outcomes.



Patient Safety Focus

Ensuring appropriate screening and ongoing safety monitoring throughout treatment duration.



Regulatory Compliance

MHRA, Controlled Drug regulations and GPhC standards.



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Many pharmacies lack access to patient clinical records, limiting safety checks.

Pharmacies' providing 'supply only' services pose significant risks

The Pharmacist's Role in CBPM Clinical Pathway

Prescription Assessment



Dispensing

Patient Education



Ongoing Monitoring

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Governance: 7 pharmacies failed due to incomplete risk assessments.

Safeguarding: Inappropriate prescribing to individuals with drug misuses history.

Best Practice Framework for CBPM Management



Prescription Verification

Dispensing Protocol

Prescription validation.
Patient assessment.
Safe dispensing practices for optimal therapeutic outcomes.

- Verify the authenticity of the prescription and the prescriber's credentials thoroughly.
- Assess patient medical history and current medications.
- Confirm appropriate dosing and administration instructions clearly.



Safety Monitoring

Patient Support

Comprehensive patient-centred approach focusing on education, adherence support, and continuous care coordination throughout treatment.

- Provide counselling on proper use and expectations.
- Establish regular follow-up and monitoring schedules effectively.
- Create accessible communication channels for patient concerns.



Patient Education

Team Integration

Effective interprofessional collaboration ensuring seamless communication and coordinated care delivery across the healthcare team.

- Maintain regular communication with prescribing physicians actively.
- Document and share relevant patient monitoring data. (with consent)
- Participate in multidisciplinary care planning meetings regularly.



Collaborative Care

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60% complaints were due to delays in receiving prescriptions.

Errors included duplicate prescriptions and treatment interruptions.

Common Challenges in CBPM Practice

Supply Chain Issues



Communication Barriers



Adherence Challenges

Practical Solutions for Real-World Challenges



Education and Training

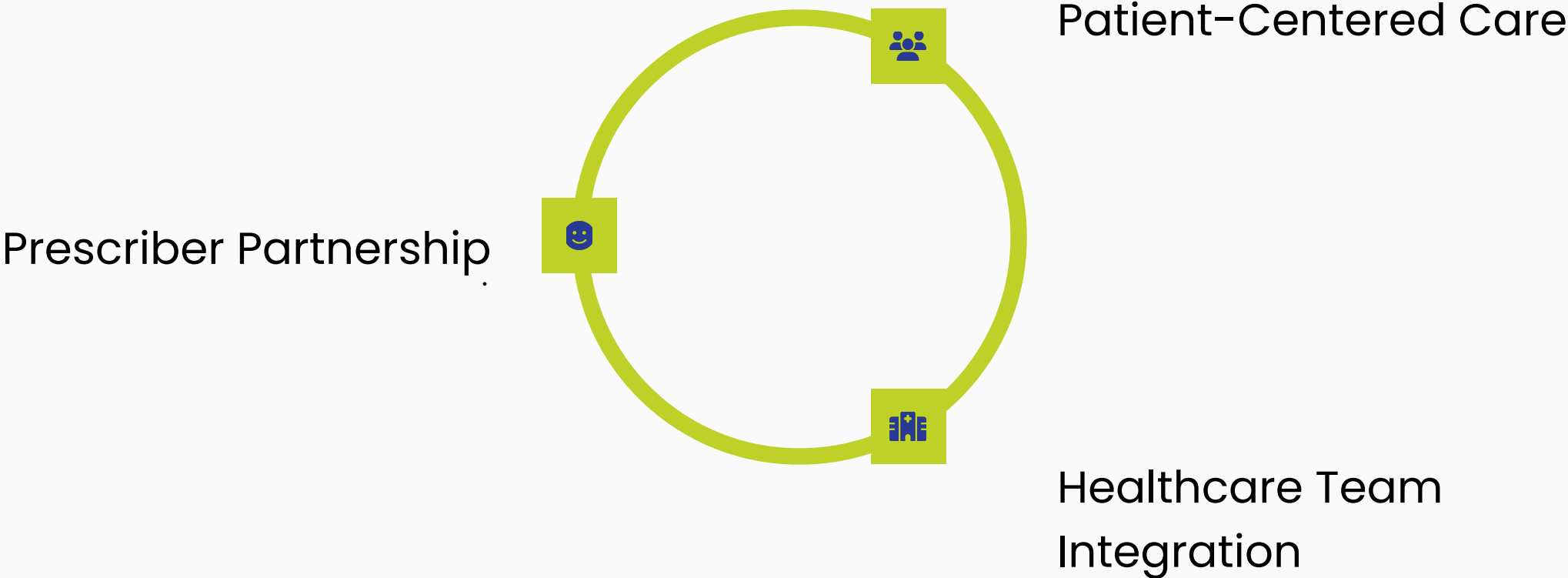
- Continuous training on CBPM knowledge and skills.
- Patient information resources and counselling aids.
- Decision-support tools for clinical assessment and monitoring.

Supply Management Solutions

- Supplier relationships and backup procurement sources.
- Inventory management and expiry monitoring.
- Patient communication protocols for supply disruptions.



Strengthening Collaborative Healthcare Teams



Building Confidence in CBPM Practice

Pharmacist Professional Development Strategy

Continuous learning, evidence-based practice, and professional network engagement are essential for building competence and confidence in CBPM dispensing and patient care management.



Continuous Education

Stay current with emerging research, regulatory changes, and clinical guidelines through professional development and peer learning.



Professional Networks

Engage with specialist pharmacy groups, attend conferences, and participate in peer support forums for knowledge sharing.



Quality Assurance

Implement systematic quality measures, audit practices, and seek feedback to continuously improve patient care and outcomes.



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