



In This Issue

- ▶ [PSI Learning Events October 2014](#)

- ▶ [New Education and Training \(Integrated Course\) Rules 2014](#)

- ▶ [PSI \(Fees\) Rules 2014](#)

- ▶ [Expressions of Interest - NCCP seeks Pharmacist Collaboration](#)

- ▶ [New Dianette Educational Materials for patients and prescribers](#)

- ▶ [Other Notices](#)

- ▶ [Upcoming CPD Opportunities](#)

[Print Version »](#)

- ▶ [Subscribe](#)

Overview

The Minister for Health, Dr Leo Varadkar, recently met with the PSI President Leonie Clarke (*pictured*), PSI Vice-President Ann Frankish and the Registrar Marita Kinsella at PSI House. The meeting followed the Minister's signing of the PSI's revised Fees Rules and the Education and Training Rules. The meeting provided an opportunity to brief the new Health Minister on the ongoing work of the PSI.



In this issue, invitation is extended to all PSI registrants to attend the October learning events focussing on the PSI's inspection and disciplinary processes. Opportunity for online registration is now provided. We look forward to meeting many of you during those weeks.

Information on other conferences and educational programmes of interest over the coming months is also provided.

Finally, the National Cancer Control Programme is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified hospital and community pharmacists for their input in new strategy and guideline development.

PSI Learning Events October 2014

Pharmacists, pharmacy owners and pharmaceutical assistants are invited to attend the PSI learning events being delivered this October. These events aim to provide opportunity to further understand and learn from the inspection and disciplinary processes of the PSI, and will provide a forum to engage with PSI staff on these topics.

The meetings will take the form of short presentations, question and answer sessions and opportunity for one-to-one engagement at the end of the evening.

Meeting dates and locations:

- **Tuesday, 7th October at 7.30pm:** PSI House, 15-19 Fenian Street, Dublin 2
- **Wednesday, 8th October at 7.30pm:** PSI House, 15-19 Fenian Street, Dublin 2
- **Thursday, 9th October at 8pm:** Silver Springs Moran Hotel, Tivoli, Cork
- **Tuesday, 14th October at 8pm:** Clayton Hotel, Ballybrit, Galway
- **Wednesday, 15th October at 8pm:** Clarion Hotel, Clarion Road, Sligo
- **Thursday, 16th October at 8pm:** City West Hotel and Conference Centre, Leisure Centre Building, Saggart, Co. Dublin

Registration to attend the learning events is now open. [Please use this online registration form to book your place.](#)

Places at each meeting are limited, so you are advised to book your attendance in advance. All meetings will take place in the evening, starting at 7.30pm in PSI House and at 8pm at all other locations. Tea/coffee will be provided. Additional information including parking availability is on the [PSI website](#).

For those who cannot attend in person, presentations and resources will be made available on the PSI website subsequent to the events. We hope to see many of you in October.

New Education and Training (Integrated Course) Rules 2014

The Minister for Health recently signed the PSI's new Statutory Instrument (S.I. 377 of 2014) addressing the education and training requirements that will be delivered via the new five-year integrated Masters of Pharmacy and which will apply to individuals commencing training as a pharmacist from September 2015.

This marks a significant achievement in the development of the pharmacy profession, for the Schools of Pharmacy and for all those involved in this process over many years, from consultation to implementation.

The [new programme of pharmacy education](#) will involve the integration of the curriculum to support practical pharmacy placements throughout the full five years of study, and students will rotate across the three main practice settings of community, hospital and industry. On successful completion of the five-year programme, graduates will be eligible to apply to the PSI for registration.

S.I. 377/2014, Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (Education and Training) (Integrated Course) Rules 2014 is available on www.irishstatutebook.ie.

PSI (Fees) Rules 2014

The Minister for Health recently signed the PSI's revised Statutory Instrument (S.I. 378 of 2014) on the changes to the fees for registration, continued registration and restoration of pharmacist, pharmaceutical assistants and retail pharmacy businesses.

These rules give effect to the decision taken by the Council of the PSI at its meeting on the 27th March 2014 to reduce by 5% the first and annual registration fees payable by pharmacists, retail pharmacy businesses and pharmaceutical assistants.

S.I. 378/2014, Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (Fees) Rules 2014 is available on www.irishstatutebook.ie.

Expressions of Interest - NCCP seeks Pharmacist Collaboration

The National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) has announced that work is commencing on the development of national guidelines and strategies in a number of key areas as identified in the recently published [NCCP Oncology Medication and Safety review](#). The aim of these guidelines is to support the safe, evidence-based, and cost-effective cancer treatment of all cancer patients in Ireland. Once the guidelines have been developed and approved they will be disseminated as appropriate to hospitals, GPs, community pharmacies, community nursing, and others involved in the care of cancer patients, in addition to being published on the NCCP website.

The NCCP would like to invite **community and hospital pharmacists with an interest in febrile neutropenia, and hospital pharmacists with an interest in the safe management of intrathecal chemotherapy**, to register their interest in collaborating on these landmark developments. Cooperation with this important initiative is appreciated.

Expressions of interest should be received by **26th September** by email to oncologydrugs@cancercontrol.ie.

New Dianette Educational Materials for patients and prescribers

The PSI would like to bring to your attention new Educational Materials for patients and prescribers regarding the use of Dianette (cyproterone acetate/ethinylestradiol) and the associated risk of blood clots. These have been sent directly from Bayer Healthcare to all prescribers and are available for pharmacists to view and download from the [Bayer website](#).

Pharmacists and other healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions to the Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA) by email to medsafety@hpra.ie and to Bayer at adr-ireland@bayerhealthcare.com.

For further information, please contact Bayer at info.ireland@bayerhealthcare.com or by telephone to 01-2999313.

Other Notices

17th September is Mouth Cancer Awareness Day

There are more than 300 cases of cancer of the mouth (oral cavity and pharynx) reported in Ireland every year. According to the National Cancer Registry in Ireland, roughly half of all mouth cancers and even less of cancers of the pharynx are diagnosed at an early stage. This can result in more complex treatment with greater impact on quality of life and overall survival. Whilst it depends on the cancer site, more than half of those treated will have good survival outcomes and this continues to improve each year.

Pharmacists have a key role to play in the early detection of mouth cancer and in the prevention of the disease, through appropriate referral. On **Wednesday 17th September**, free mouth cancer examinations will be offered by dentists throughout the country. You do not have to be a patient of the dental practice to attend for this quick and painless exam. The list of participating dentists across the country is available [here](#) and further information on the campaign is available on the [Mouth Cancer Awareness website](#). To find out more about mouth cancer, the signs and symptoms, the risk factors or other information about cancer, visit www.cancer.ie.

Pharmacists are asked to support this important public health initiative, and [this poster](#) is available for download and display to increase patient awareness of this day.

Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week

Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week takes place this year from 22nd to 28th September and all health professionals are asked to support this important public health initiative. Carbon monoxide poisoning is a preventable cause of death, and non-fatal poisoning can lead to lasting neurological damage and other ill effects. Particularly at this time of year, greater awareness of the signs and symptoms of carbon monoxide exposure in patients will help to save lives and prevent unnecessary suffering. Further information, posters and leaflets are available from Bord Gáis Networks on 1850 200 694 or email networksinfo@bge.ie or see www.carbonmonoxide.ie

Upcoming CPD Opportunities

All Ireland Pharmacy Conference 2015

A reminder that the closing date for receipt of abstracts for the All Ireland Pharmacy Conference is Friday 26th September 2014. The conference will take place in Ballymascanlon House Hotel, Dundalk on 27th January 2015 and the focus is to share good practice in pharmaceutical care and practice development across the primary and secondary care sectors, with those practising in both the north and south. All further information is available on the [IIOP website](#).

IPU Academy Autumn Programme

The Autumn Programme of the IPU Academy is now available and runs from Monday 15th September until Wednesday 12th November. Details of this season's continuing education courses and countrywide locations are available on the [IPU Academy website](#) or you can download the programme [brochure here](#).

Medicines Management in Palliative Care Programme

The Medicines Management in Palliative Care education programme has been developed by the Palliative Meds Info service at Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services (OLH&CS). It is a resource for pharmacists seeking to improve their medicines management knowledge and skills in providing a service to patients with palliative care needs.

This year the course is delivered using an online learning component and with an education day on Wednesday 5th November 2014 at Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services, Education & Research Centre, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6W. Registration is now open and this and the programme details are available on the Palliative Meds Info pages of the [hospice website](#).

4th National Patient Safety Conference

The 4th National Patient Safety Conference will take place on Friday 7th November in the Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin. Again the 2014 conference will be a full day event. Additional information is available on the [Patient Safety First](#) website or contact Antoinette Treacy in the Department of Health on 01-6354060 or [by email](#).

PSI House,
Fenian Street,
Dublin 2
Phone: +353 1 2184000
Fax: +353 1 2837678
Email: info@thepsi.ie
Web: PSI Website

Published by PSI
© 2014 PSI. All rights reserved.

