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Pass rate of 84.5 per cent in Society's autumn registration examination

The pass rate in the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's autumn registration examination this year is 84.5 per cent, compared with 86.5 per cent in the main summer examination (*PJ*, 29 July, p141).

Last year's figures were 91.9 per cent in the summer examination and 82.1 per cent in the autumn.

The number of autumn candidates this year was 341, of whom 288 were successful.

In the separate section of calculation questions, which candidates have to pass in addition to passing the examination as a whole, 323 (94.7 per cent) of the candidates were successful.

The mean percentage scores for the different components of the examination were as follows: overall 78 (range 49–93); closed book 79 (range 52–94); open book 78 (range 44–98); calculations 88 (range 30–100).

The mean percentage scores for the individual syllabus sections were as follows: Section 1 (professional and legal practice) — part I (professional practice of a pharmacy)

73, part II (legal aspects of providing a pharmaceutical service) 74; section 2 (clinical and pharmaceutical practice) — part I (clinical practice) 79, part II (pharmaceutical aspects of practice) 62; section 3 (systems and procedures) 78.

Of this year's 341 candidates, 285 were UK graduates or sandwich course students, of whom 241 (84.6 per cent) passed and 44 (15.4 per cent) failed. The remaining 56 candidates were pharmacists from overseas seeking to register via the adjudicating route (now achieved mostly by taking the overseas pharmacists assessment programme). Of these, 47 (83.9 per cent) passed and nine (16.1 per cent) failed.

For 21 of the candidates who failed, this examination was their first attempt. For 27 of these candidates it was the second attempt, and for five it was their third and final attempt.

The next sitting of the examination takes place on Friday 29 June 2007.

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This week

Registration examination

The pass rate in the autumn sitting of the Society's registration examination was 84.5 per cent (p529).

New replica drug jars

The museum has added more replica jars to its merchandise range (p530).

Register of technicians

Pharmacy technicians are being urged to join the voluntary register and vote in the national board elections (p530).

Direct debit

If you have not previously paid your Royal Pharmaceutical Society retention fee by direct debit and would like to do so, download a direct debit mandate form from www.rpsgb.org/registrationandsupport/registration/paymentoffees.html and return it to the Society's registration division by 31 October.

Direct debit is available to both pharmacists and pharmacy technicians but only for those on the practising registers.

Branch meeting attendances can be boosted by CPD-related topics

Choosing topics with pharmacists' continuing professional development needs in mind can result in good attendances at branch meetings, the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's annual branch and regional secretaries' meeting heard on 18 October.

Speaking about the success his branch had had in holding meetings designed to support members' CPD needs, Mark Burdon (Sunderland branch) said that, because the topics impacted on pharmacists' day-to-day working lives, the meetings had been attracting as many as 100 branch members.

Mr Burdon was one of three branch secretaries invited to share their experiences at a "best practice" session. Another speaker, Arlene Osman (Mid Glamorgan East branch), described the realities of branch life from the perspective of a new branch secretary. She discussed how to find the support of local colleagues and offered advice on holding joint events. Jim



Left to right, Mark Burdon, Arlene Osman and Jim Bannerman

Bannerman (Northern Scottish branch) shared his experiences as secretary of a branch that had been part of the Society's "future branch" pilot project and discussed the challenges associated with maintaining

members' enthusiasm and interest in branch activities.

Representatives of more than 50 branches and regions took part in the meeting, which was chaired by the Society's Secretary and Registrar (Ann Lewis) and also attended by the President (Hemant Patel), the Vice-President (Gerald Alexander) and Treasurer (John Jolley).

Reflecting on the meeting, John Gentle, member of Council and a sponsor of the branch and regional network, said: "The branches and regions are the local face of the Society and this annual meeting is important in helping to build members' understanding about the work of the organisation across England, Scotland and Wales. The meeting also provides the secretaries

with the opportunity to feed back their thoughts directly to the Society and, with this in mind, I was delighted that the President, Vice-President and Treasurer were all able to be present on the day."

Museum adds four new replica jars to its range of merchandise

Four new replica jars have been added to the range of merchandise available from the museum of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. The hand-finished jars are all copies of delftware objects in the museum's collections.

The four original jars were made in the 1600s and 1700s to hold cochia major pills, viper lozenges, coral lozenges and extract of Peruvian bark. The pill jar is multicoloured and the others are white with blue designs. All four original jars are smaller than most delftware drug jars, as was typical for those holding pills or lozenges. The replicas follow suit at 8.5cm height and 6.5cm diameter.

Cochia major pills, which had a number of ingredients, were used as a strong laxative. The jar bears the initials I.P., which are those of the apothecary who commissioned the jar, and the date 1723, the year of its manufacture. The design features cherubs and shells.

Viper lozenges, often from Venice, were renowned throughout Europe in the 1600s to prevent the plague and as an antidote to poisons. Their main use was as one of the many ingredients in the various theriacs or treacles. Their ingredients included viper flesh boiled with salt and dill seed with white bread, kneaded into a paste with oil of nutmeg. The jar is decorated with Apollo, the god of medicine, and two peacocks. It dates from around 1675–1700.

Coral lozenges were taken to treat haemorrhages and spitting blood. They predomi-



The four new replica jars added to the museum's range of merchandise

nantly contained amber, but also red coral, alongside a long list of other ingredients. They were made by mixing the ingredients with a mucilage of fleawort seeds made in plain water. The jar is dated 1674, and its design shows an angel with outspread wings, a popular motif for the period.

Extract of Peruvian bark is extract of cinchona bark. In the 1700s, when the original jar was made, cinchona was primarily used to treat fevers. It was not recognised as a treatment for malaria until more than a century later. The jar is decorated with songbirds.

The jars are on sale for £25 each (including VAT). The three existing replica jars are all still available — a leech jar (£50), a dry drug storage jar (£56) and a syrup jar (£86). All the jars can be bought in person at the library issue desk or by mail order from the museum office (tel 020 7572 2210; e-mail museum@rpsgb.org).

Full details of all museum merchandise, including images, can be found on the museum pages of the Society's website (www.rpsgb.org/informationresources). An order form can be downloaded from the website.

Pharmacy technicians encouraged to register and vote in English and Welsh board elections

Pharmacy technicians who are not yet on the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's voluntary register are being encouraged to join so that they can make their voices heard in the elections to the Society's new national pharmacy boards for England and Wales.

Technicians who join the register now will not have to pay the full retention fee for 2006 on top of their initial registration fee. Instead, they will pay a fee that will take their registration through to the end of 2007.

Joining immediately will not only allow technicians to vote in the board elections but will also allow them to stand for election themselves if they can meet the closing date for nominations of noon on Friday 3 November.

A pharmacy technician may seek election to the English Pharmacy Board if he or she has a registered address in Britain and lives or works wholly or mainly in England. A technician standing for the Welsh Pharmacy Board must have a registered address in Wales.

Technicians who wish to vote in the elections must join the register by 5pm on Thursday 16 November to be eligible to vote.

The Society's head of support staff regulation, Janet Flint, says: "Pharmacy technicians have come a long way in the past couple of years since the opening of the voluntary register, and over 4,000 are now demonstrating their commitment to maintain high standards of professional practice by being registered with the Society.

"Pharmacy technicians on the voluntary register will have the opportunity to stand for the Welsh and English pharmacy boards and to help shape the new boards in England and Wales by voting for their preferred technician candidates. In short, this is a perfect opportunity for pharmacy technicians to influence and shape the development of pharmacy at a national level."

Pharmacy technicians with queries about the registration process, or those wishing to be sent a registration application pack, should contact the Support Staff Section, Royal Pharmaceutical Society, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN (tel 020 7572 2610). Further information and application packs can also be found on the registration pages of the Society's website (www.rpsgb.org/registrationandsupport).

Listening Friends

The Listening Friends Scheme offers free telephone help to pharmacists under stress.

A call to the scheme will put the pharmacist in touch with a fellow pharmacist who will be there to give time to talk about the problems causing the stress. The Listening Friend will have insight into the particular pressures that apply in pharmacy but the service is also there to help with problems not related to work.

The service is run by volunteer pharmacists, who have all been trained in listening skills and may be able to direct pharmacists under stress to more specialist help if needed.

Contact with the Listening Friends is made initially by telephoning 020 7572 2442 where a voicemail answering service will take details of a first name, a telephone number and a convenient time to call. A Listening Friend will then call back, usually on the evening of the same day or within 24 hours.

The scheme is supported by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Benevolent Fund. For additional information about the scheme, or the fund and the services it offers, call 01327 264739 or 01323 890135 or e-mail benevolent.fund@rpsgb.org

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English Pharmacy Board elections

Nominations for election as members of the English Pharmacy Board of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society should be received by David Pruce, Returning Officer for England, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN, by noon on 3 November.

Nominations must comply with eligibility and other requirements as set out in documents in the candidates' pack and summarised in a previous Official Notice (*PJ*, 7 October, p432). The candidates' pack is available from Averil Ridgway at the Society's headquarters (e-mail EPBelections@rpsgb.org) or can be downloaded from the Society's website (www.rpsgb.org) by following a link from the home page.

Successful candidates in this election will take office at 12.01am on 21 January 2007.

David Pruce Returning Officer for England

Scottish Pharmacy Board elections

Nominations for election as members of the Scottish Pharmacy Board of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society should be received by Lyndon Braddick, Returning Officer for Scotland, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 36 York Place, Edinburgh

EH1 3HU, by noon on 3 November.

Nominations must comply with eligibility and other requirements as set out in documents in the candidates' pack and summarised in a previous Official Notice (*PJ*, 7 October, p432). The candidates' pack is available from the Returning Officer for Scotland (e-mail SPBelections@rpsgb.org) at the address above or can be downloaded from the Society's website (www.rpsgb.org) by following a link from the home page.

Successful candidates in this election will take office at 12.01am on 21 January 2007.

Lyndon Braddick Returning Officer for Scotland

Welsh Pharmacy Board elections

Nominations for election as members of the Welsh Pharmacy Board of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society should be received by Cath O'Brien, Returning Officer for Wales, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, Gloucester House, 14 Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff CF10 5DP, by noon on 3 November.

Nominations must comply with eligibility and other requirements as set out in documents in the candidates' pack and summarised in a previous Official Notice (*PJ*, 7 October, p432). The candidates' pack is available from the Returning Officer for Wales (e-mail WPBelections@rpsgb.org) at the address above or can be downloaded from the Society's website (www.rpsgb.org) by following a link from the home page.

Successful candidates in this election will take office at 12.01am on 21 January 2007.

Cath O'Brien Returning Officer for Wales

Hospital Pharmacists Group in association with Conventus

One-day course: Preparing for and managing in emergencies — lessons for hospital pharmacy

- **Date:** Thursday 30 November 2006,
- **Venue:** Austin Court, Birmingham
- **Content:** Best practices, challenges and trends associated with the development, manufacture and registration of parenteral products
- **Topics:** Top issues for parenteral dosage form development; risk-based approach to development and manufacture; development and manufacture of biologicals; facilities, validation and plant design;

- packaging and devices; emerging new technologies; regulatory trends
- **Fees:** Royal Pharmaceutical Society members £270.25, non-members £293.75, commercial delegates £411.25. Fee includes teas, coffees, lunch, conference papers and VAT
- **Further information:** Conventus, Wootton Lodge, Warwick Road, Leek Wootton, Warwick CV35 7RB (tel 01926 863564; fax 01926 854888; website www.conventus.net)

British Society for the History of Pharmacy/Royal Pharmaceutical Society

Joint meeting: "A night with Venus, a lifetime with Mercury: the history of syphilis and its treatments"

- **Date and time:** Wednesday 15 November 2006, 6.30pm (refreshments from 5.30pm)
- **Venue:** Royal Pharmaceutical Society, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN
- **Speaker:** Kevin Brown, curator, Alexander Fleming Laboratory Museum, St Mary's Hospital, Paddington
- **Further information:** Free to members and non-members. Advance booking not required

Registration examination successes

The following is a list of the 288 United Kingdom and overseas pharmacy graduates who have passed the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's autumn 2006 registration examination.

The list is provided for information only and does not constitute evidence that any person named has joined the Register of Pharmaceutical Chemists. None of the candidates who failed the examination has a name identical to any of the successful candidates.

Ann Lewis Secretary and Registrar

Abedin, Zinat; **Abid**, Salwan; **Adebanjo**, Ayobimpe Abidemi; **Adeluwoye**, Abayomi; **Adenuga**, Gbolahan Ahmed Oluwaseun; **Adrio**, Laura; **Afser**, Conchitta Natalie; **Agoye**, Cornelius Dare; **Ahmad**, Toseef; **Akhtar**, Abda; **Akram**, Khuram Shahzad; **Al Moshe**, Linda; **Al-Hadad**, Inas; **Al-Hassani**, Tania; **Al-Hilfi**, Ali; **Ali**, Adnan; **Ali**, Julpas; **Ali**, Sara; **Ali**, Akhtar; **Allis**, Eimear Marie; **Alluri**, Mukunda; **Al-Shalchi**, Zainab; **Al-Shamari**, Mohamad; **Al-Soltan**, Ansam; **Alvarez**, Francisco Jose Chico; **Ameen**, Mohammed; **Amerineni**, Venkata Prabhakar; **Amofo-Sennie**, Albert; **Amran**, Mohammed; **Ansari**, Furhan; **Ansary**, Sabah; **Anyaeqbuna**, Mark Nnaemeka; **Anyanwu**, Chinemerem Akachi; **Armitage**, April; **Asaf**, Naela; **Asamoah**, Natalie; **Auma**, Joseph O.; **Aya**, Sumaiya; **Ayad**, Sami; **Azam**, Tauqeer; **Azimi**, Armand Azad; **Bagga**, Anita; **Bamidele**, Ayobami Omosolape; **Begley**, Louise; **Bezioula**, Anthee; **Bigdeli Soltani**, Maedeh; **Boakye**, Benjamin; **Brar**, Jasmeet Kaur; **Bubak**, Abira Fadel; **Carrigan**, Allison Julia; **Chahal**, Harminder Singh; **Champaneri**, Shimal; **Chan**, Lisa Lee Yin; **Chan**, Marco Chi Kin; **Chandrasekharan**, Sudeesh; **Chattha**, Paramjot; **Chauhan**, Danny Kanti; **Chinje**, Elinor Shiri; **Choudry**, Khatija; **Chowdhury**, Nasrin Nahar; **Chowdhury**, Nazmul Hoque; **Chowdry**, Khuram Shahzad; **Clark**, Martin; **Clarke**, Jennifer; **Collins**, Colman Padraig;

Connellan, Shane; **Cooner**, Harnam Kaur; **Coward**, Emma; **Coyne**, Elliott Peter.

Danesh-Azari, Mohammad-Reza; **Davies**, Benjamin George; **Davis**, Craig Anthony; **Derosa**, Mariella; **Dhanda**, Vinod; **Dhesi**, Navinder Singh; **Dhillon**, Mandip Kaur; **Dixon**, Alyson Lee; **Donnellan**, Rory; **Dunn**, Stacey.

El-Hariry, Ahmed Mahmoud Mohammed.

Fapohunda, Olufemi Abiola; **Faraj**, Rounak; **Fatima**, Shamim; **Fazal**, Manier; **Fitzpatrick**, James Maurice.

Garden, David George; **Gayam**, Subhashchandra; **Gayda-Pimlott**, Dominika; **Gbajabiamila**, Ayisat Bolanle; **Gbolade**, Taiwo Oluwasola Abosede; **George**, Ola; **Giwa**, Mariyam Olayinka; **Gopaul**, Neereesa Vina; **Griffiths**, George Walter; **Gyesi-Appiah**, Louisa.

Hadlad, Rocco Peter; **Hafezi**, Sharif; **Hamid**, Abdul; **Hannon**, Patrick Cornelius; **Harrar**, Revinder Kumar; **Hassan**, Alla; **Hassien**, Ali; **Hathout**, Ghada; **Haworth**, Mark Edward; **Hill**, Zed; **Holmes**, Mark; **Honnah**, Isiom Charles Okenyebunor; **Hooper**, Ruth Elizabeth; **Hunisa**, Firhat; **Hussain**, Adam; **Hussain**, Imtiaz; **Hussain**, Itsham; **Hussain-Hafeez**, Ameena.

Iltaf, Mohammed Mehtab; **Ing**, Lyna; **Ing**, Marianne; **Iqbal**, Hina; **Isaac**, Nahrein Donna; **Ishaq**, Amina.

Jack, Sheena; **Jamalfar**, Yashar; **Jamil**, Mohammed Khalil; **Jani**, Bhawal; **Janjua**, Waqas Ahmed; **Javed**, Sofina; **Jawad**, Sarah; **Jones**, Richard Stewart Ivor; **Joseph**, Sunday; **Joshi**, Saurabh.

Kaleem, Navid-Ul-Khurrum; **Kalyan**, Jagjit Singh; **Kapadia**, Roopa; **Karimbhai**, Murtaza Munoverali; **Katogas**, Klimis; **Kausar**, Shagufta; **Kazmi**, Syed Zia Hussain; **Khan**, Mohammed Mojid; **Khan**, Mariam; **Khangura**, Sandeep Kaur; **Khawar**, Tariq; **Khodabocus**, Bibi Khoraisia; **Konyeha**, Sunday Uroko; **Kotecha**, Nisha; **Kubba**, Juman; **Kusu-Orkar**, Grace Ter-Umbur.

Lall, Gurpreet; **Lartey**, David Yeboah; **Latif**, Razna; **Lewis**, Michelle; **Lim**, Hui-Ching; **Luhana**, Sorath; **Lynskey**, Fiona Kathleen.

McDermott, Eileen Mary; **MacDonnell**, Zelig; **McGibney**, David; **Mackenzie**, Amanda; **McVey**, Lisa Marie; **Mahmood**, Sajid; **Mahmood**, Nawishtah;

Mahomed, Abdul Samad; **Mahomed**, Yumna; **Malee**, Sandra; **Malik**, Mumoon; **Manir**, Aysha; **Maskeen**, Yacoob Ali; **Mehat**, Karmjit; **Mensah**, Theodora Borley; **Millar**, Andrew; **Miloseska**, Lence; **Mir**, Hussain Aleem; **Mitchell**, Alan Neil; **Mitra** (Gupta), Meenakshi; **Modha**, Dipesh Mahesh; **Modi**, Keval; **Mohamed**, Taseen; **Mohammed**, Zaheer; **Mohammed**, Abdul Aleem; **Moyo**, Hudzani Hulisani; **Mughal**, Samera; **Mughal**, Shiraz; **Mukelabai**, Kopano Wamunyima; **Mukunguritse**, Walter; **Mumtaz**, Mobein; **Murray**, Clodagh; **Mushet**, Kirsty; **Musoke**, Fred; **Mutambo**, Fackson.

Nandipati, Nagaraja; **Nasir**, Taseen; **Nassar**, Ahmad Karim; **Ngovo**, Catherine; **Ngwenya**, Sibonginkosi Dade; **Nikpour-Valiseh**, Somaieh; **Nimoh-Bing**, Paul; **Nixon**, Elaine; **Njenga**, Eddie; **Nsoedo**, Chioma; **Nugent**, Liam; **Nwokobia**, Godwin; **Nyazika**, Fadzai Mercy.

O'Reilly, Andrew; **Obudho**, Michelle; **O'Donovan**, Trudy; **Odoro**, Dominic; **Oloagun**, Sherifat Adebimpe; **Onilude**, Ayankunle Abiodun; **Onwuchuruba**, Crystal Nkechi Eleanya; **Onwuka**, Ucheoma Gladys; **Oomer**, Yusuf; **Opondo**, Elizabeth Atieno; **Osei-Amoaten**, Francis; **Osifeso**, Bidemi Folusho; **Owasoyo**, Austin Ade; **Oyasiji**, Abimbola; **Ozulumbah**, Ifeoma.

Parbat, Minesh; **Parekh**, Alka; **Parikh**, Viral; **Parker**, Shabnum; **Patel**, Mita; **Patel**, Karishma; **Patel**, Vaishali; **Patel**, Chandrika; **Patel**, Melissa Sital; **Patel**, Hiral; **Patel**, Anish; **Patel**, Anita; **Peregrino-Brimah**, Basira; **Prabu**, Mangalore Pradeep.

Qayum, Ahmed Zaem.

Rahman, Atiqur; **Randhawa**, Navtej Singh; **Rathour**, Ashok Singh; **Razzaq**, Sheeraz; **Razzaq**, Tasadduq Hussain; **Reid**, Susan; **Ridings**, James Stuart; **Robinson**, Gabriel.

Sachdeva, Saranjit Singh; **Sagoe**, Letitia Aba; **Sandhu**, Mandeep Singh; **Saravani-Prabu**, Shanthi; **Satia**, Ayesha; **Satikidou**, Despina; **Selkirk**, Rhona; **Sessions**, Vicky-Anne; **Shah**, Dipak; **Shah**, Amit; **Shah**, Meera; **Shah**, Shraddha; **Shah**, Anjali Mukesh; **Shah**, Sobia; **Shahid**, Abdus Muhammad; **Shakoor**, Fareeha; **Sharif**, Fozia Tehseen; **Shazad**, Khuram; **Sheehan**, Scott; **Sheikh**, Murtaza; **Siddiq**, Rizwana; **Sidhu**, Amanpreet Kaur; **Sidhu**, Harpreet Kaur; **Singh**, Ranjit; **Small**, Michael John; **Sogokin**, Larisa; **Solaiman**, Amanda; **Spasovska**, Natasha; **Struthers**, Mairi Elizabeth; **Suganth**, Sumi; **Sura**, Gulveer Kaur.

Takkallapelly, Vishal Babu; **Tawfiq-Alkafaf**, Najlaa Kamal; **Tiwari**, Amanda; **Toor**, Inderpal; **Tshomane**, Mpho; **Tucker**, Catherine Elizabeth; **Tully**, Nial; **Ume-Ezeoke**, Nini Kasie Nwoma.

Valera, Jenica Kaushik; **Veshagh**, Gelayel.

Wadhwa, Poonam; **Wahab**, Sarah; **Wakil**, Qasier; **Wall**, Seamus; **Walsh**, Darren; **Wang**, Xiao Xiao; **Wanogho**, Elugba; **White**, Emma.

Zibamanzar-Mofrad, Michelle.

DIARY

Headquarters meetings

The following meetings take place at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's London headquarters

Monday 30 October
Veterinary Pharmacists Group Committee. 9am.

Local meetings

Events listed below are meetings of Royal Pharmaceutical Society branches. Details of all future meetings notified to *The Journal* appear in the Diary section of *PJ Online* (www.pjonline.com/diary)

Monday 30 October
Barnet "The over-the-counter revolution" by John Blenkinsopp (research fellow, Keele University). Education Centre, Barnet Hospital, Wellhouse Lane, Barnet. Hot food 7.15pm, meeting 8pm.

Bury and Rochdale "Introduction to HIV and its treatments" by Sarah Walker (lead pharmacist on infectious diseases, North Manchester General Hospital). Village Hotel, Rochdale Road, Bury. 7.30 for 8pm.

Stockport "Joint British guidelines for cardiovascular disease". Lecture Theatre B, Postgraduate Centre, Pinewood House, Stepping Hill Hospital. Refreshments 7.15pm, meeting 8pm.

Wednesday 1 November

Manchester, Salford and Trafford "Dermatology medicines use review workshop" by Christine Clark (pharmacist with special interest in dermatology). Platt Lane Complex, Yew Tree Road, Fallowfield, Manchester. Light refreshments 7pm, meeting 7.30pm.

Mid Glamorgan "Counterfeit medicines". Rhondda Heritage Park. Buffet. 7.15pm.

Solihull "The role of opiates in benign pain management" by Barbara Hoggart (consultant in pain management, Birmingham Heartlands and Solihull NHS Trust). SIMTR Conference Centre, BUPA Parkway Hospital. Buffet 7pm, meeting 7.45pm.

Sunderland "Management of infections in dermatology" by Keith Freeman (consultant dermatologist, Sunderland Teaching Primary Care Trust/County Durham and Darlington Acute Hospital Trust Sunderland). Marriott Hotel, Seaburn, Sunderland. Food and refreshments 7pm, meeting 7.30pm.

Thames Valley "Electronic transmission of prescriptions: how it will work in practice and the implications for pharmacists" by Nigel Cox (pharmacy systems director, National Pharmacy Association). Adelaide Pub, 57 Park Road, Teddington. 7.15 for 7.45pm.

West Metropolitan "Do we dispense with accuracy?" by Bryony Dean Franklin. Irish Centre, Blacks Road, Hammersmith, London. Buffet 7pm, meeting 8pm.

Thursday 2 November

Halifax "Calderdale wound management formulary" by Sue Milburn (Calderdale tissue viability nurse). Learning and Development Centre, Calderdale Royal Hospital, Halifax. Buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

Monday 6 November

Derby "Stroke" by Peter Gorman (consultant in healthcare of the elderly, Derby Hospitals). Conference Room, Landau Forte College, Fox Street, Derby. Buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

Tuesday 7 November

Hertford "Pharmacist prescribing" by Nader Siabi (community pharmacist prescriber) and Surinda Bhalla (hospital pharmacist prescriber). University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield. 7.30pm for 8pm.

Northern Scottish "Chronic pain" by Alison MacRobbie (palliative care/community services pharmacist, NHS Highland). Newton Hotel, Inverness Road, Nairn. 7.30pm.

Oxfordshire "Suicide prevention" by Julia Spencer (specialist registrar, University Department of Psychiatry, Warneford Hospital). George Pickering Postgraduate Centre, Level 3, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headington. Food 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

Sunderland "Common dermatological disorders" by Christine Clark (pharmacist with special interest in dermatology). Sunderland Marriott Hotel, Seaburn, Sunderland. Food 6.30pm, meeting 7pm.

Wednesday 8 November

Liverpool "Should we all be taking a statin?" by Jay Wright (consultant cardiologist, Cardiothoracic Centre, Liverpool). Liverpool Marriott Hotel South, Speke Road. Hot Buffet 7.10pm, meeting 8pm.

West Cumberland "Safe medication practice initiatives" by Brian Lancashire (patient safety manager, National Patient SAFETY Agency). Hundith Hill Hotel, near Cockermonth. 7.30pm followed by bar supper.

Thursday 9 November

Gwent "Steroid misuse and harm minimisation". Bryn Meadows Golf and Country Club, near Blackwood. Buffet. 7.15pm.



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