

Lecture



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The Royal College of Physicians, 9 Queen Street, Edinburgh, EH2 1JQ

Availability of Drugs for the Elderly

The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) is the Government agency which licenses medicines and medical devices for UK use, ensuring that these work and are acceptably safe. It is not concerned with cost or value-for-money. The Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) advises NHS Scotland on the cost-effectiveness of newly-licensed medicines and may identify patients for whom the benefit to cost balance is most favourable. The 14 NHS Boards in Scotland then decide, through their therapeutics advisory committees, which medicines will be locally available. The situation in England is broadly similar, with the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE), advising local health authorities. NICE is also charged with promoting good-health and preventing ill-health, and in that context, publishes Clinical Guidelines, which set medicines within an overall disease management framework. In Scotland, guidelines are produced by the Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN), and both sets may be used by clinicians in Scotland. Thus, once licensed by MHRA, the decision as to whether a drug should be made available becomes multi-faceted, and a balance must be struck between finite NHS budgets, clinical effectiveness, broader societal benefits and costs and ethical considerations. This meeting will examine this decision-making process and consider how it might be improved. (*registration form is printed overleaf*)

Programme

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| 1700: Registration | 1815: Affordability and Prioritisation
Mr Tom Divers,
Chief Executive,
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde |
| 1730: Chairman's Welcome
Dr David Lawson
Hon Professor of Medicine & Therapeutics,
University of Glasgow | 1835: Q&A / Discussion |
| 1735: Scottish Medicines Consortium; principles and process, elderly-relevant medicines accepted and rejected
Professor David Webb FRCP Edin FRSE,
Chairman, The Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) | 1900: Break / Refreshments |
| 1755: Clinical Effectiveness: Sources and quality of data available to the Scottish Medicines Consortium
Dr Kenneth Paterson FRCP Edin,
The Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) | 1930: The Ethics of Treatment Denial on the Basis of Cost
Professor Alan Maynard,
Department of Health Science, University of York |
| | 2020: Q&A / Chairman's summary |
| | 2040: Close |

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