

## Online courses

This is a summary of the online courses available this term. If you wish to know more about a course, access it online or complete the MCQs, please view the full course information at [www.nicpld.org](http://www.nicpld.org)

Course title	Date	Hours
Adherence	2015	3
Answering medicines-related questions in practice	2017	2
Antimicrobials: antibacterial agents	2017	2
Antimicrobials: common infections	2017	3
Antimicrobials: drug selection	2017	3
Antimicrobials: other agents	2017	3
Antimicrobials: resistance	2017	3
Antimicrobials: stewardship	2017	2
Aseptic dispensing	2011	6
Cardiovascular disease: acute coronary syndromes	2017	4
Cardiovascular disease: anticoagulation	2015	8
Cardiovascular disease: atrial fibrillation	2015	8
Cardiovascular disease: cardiovascular risk	2016	6
Cardiovascular disease: heart failure	2016	3
Cardiovascular disease: stable angina	2016	3
Cardiovascular disease: stroke	2016	4
Consultation skills	2015	4
Developing others: effective mentoring	2015	3
Developing others: effective workplace training	2016	3
Evidence-based management of diabetes	2016	16
Evidence-based management of dyspepsia	2016	8
Evidence-based wound management	2012	12
How to use the BNF	2015	1.5
Legislation: controlled drugs – striking a balance	2016	8
Legislation: the responsible pharmacist	2013	3
Lower GI: colorectal carcinoma	2013	3
Lower GI: diverticular disease	2013	2
Lower GI: functional bowel disorders	2013	2
Lower GI: inflammatory bowel disease	2013	4
Lower GI: stoma	2013	6
Managing medicines in older people	2017	12
Mental health: anxiety disorders	2015	3
Mental health: bipolar affective disorder	2015	3
Mental health: depression	2015	3
Mental health: schizophrenia	2016	3
Minor ailments: CNS	2017	2
Minor ailments: eyes, ears and oral health	2017	3

Minor ailments: GI	2017	3
Minor ailments: infections and infestations	2017	4
Minor ailments: respiratory	2017	2
Minor ailments: skin	2017	4
Minor ailments: urogenital	2017	2
Pain management	2016	8
Patient safety: high-risk medicines	2014	3
Patient safety: medical calculations	2014	3
Patient safety: medication incidents	2014	3
Patient safety: medicine prescription and administration record	2015	2
Patient safety: reporting adverse incidents	2015	1
Pharmaceutical care of people with dementia	2014	10
Pharmacy services: medicines use review	2013	2
Pharmacy services: patient medication review & records	2013	12
Pharmacy services: pharmacy services to care homes	2013	12
Pharmacy services: repeat dispensing	2012	2
Public health: brief interventions	2017	2
Public health: emergency contraception	2015	4
Public health: obesity	2014	14
Public health: smoking cessation	2014	12
Respiratory disease: asthma	2016	6
Respiratory disease: COPD	2016	4
Respiratory disease: inhaler devices	2015	2
Respiratory disease: nebulisers	2015	2
Respiratory disease: oxygen	2016	3
Respiratory disease: spirometry	2016	2
Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults	2017	3
Sexual health	2015	10
Substance use and pharmaceutical care	2014	15
The pharmacist in palliative care	2014	17
Women's health: contraception	2017	4
Women's health: menopause	2017	4
Women's health: menstrual disorders	2017	2
Women's health: pregnancy	2017	4
Women's health: urogenital conditions	2017	4



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Live and Distance Learning

## Programme

January – March 2018



## From the Centre

Welcome to the NICPLD programme for January – March 2018. As you apply for courses we would highlight a number of key points:

Course application (workshops and distance learning) is online-only. Once you have applied online to attend a workshop, your place will be confirmed by email, rather than by letter. You will also receive a reminder email 14 and 5 days before the workshop.

To help us finalise numbers, no online workshop applications will be allowed within three working days of the workshop date.

If you find you are unable to attend a workshop, you can un-enrol online and a confirmation email will be sent to you. If you fail to un-enrol at least three working days before the workshop date, a £30 fee will be charged.

The regional programme will continue to be 'open access' and you do not need to register for these.

You do not have to apply for elearning courses, but you must login to the NICPLD website to be able to view them.

It is important that we have your correct email so that you can continue to access services at [www.nicpld.org](http://www.nicpld.org) and receive confirmation emails. If you change your email address, login using your old email address and then update your new email address in the *My account>My Details* link.

If you have changed email address, but have forgotten the old email address that you previously used to login to the NICPLD website, speak to a member of staff at NICPLD who will be able to update the database.

## Dealing with symptoms in babies and infants

### Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians

Babies and infants often present with vague and non-specific symptoms, hence making the identification of illnesses difficult. This, coupled with the inability of this patient group to communicate, presents unique challenges to healthcare professionals in terms of information gathering and assessing symptoms.

This two-night regional programme will run in nine local venues on the dates shown below and will equip participants with the knowledge required to respond appropriately to parents seeking advice regarding symptoms experienced by their baby or infant. Topics covered will include assessment and information gathering, feeding issues, danger symptoms that require immediate referral, symptoms of common conditions and advice that should be provided in relation to a range of common conditions.

Venues and dates		
Ballymena	Leighinmohr House Hotel	16, 23 January 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Portadown	Seagoe Hotel	16, 23 January 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Newry	Canal Court Hotel	29 January, 5 February 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Derry/Londonderry	Everglades Hotel	29 January, 5 February 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Belfast	Riddel Hall	22 February, 1 March 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Coleraine	Lodge Hotel	6, 13 March 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Cookstown	Glenavon House Hotel	6, 13 March 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Enniskillen	Killyhevlin Hotel	6, 13 March 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Omagh	Silver Birches Hotel	15, 22 March 7.30pm – 9.30pm

**Hours of learning** 2 hours/evening

*Regional programmes are 'open access' and hence participants need not apply but simply attend the venue on the given date(s).*

## Workshops

Here is a brief summary of the workshops on offer this term, listed in chronological order. If you wish to know more about a particular workshop or enrol to attend a workshop, please view the full workshop information at [www.nicpld.org](http://www.nicpld.org).

### Medicines management: Medication review

*Pharmacists only*

To enable pharmacists to develop a systematic approach to carrying out a medication review which will identify and resolve medication-related problems.  
**19 January, Riddel Hall, Belfast, 10am – 5pm**

### Interpreting lab tests in primary care

*Pharmacists only*

By the interpretation of laboratory tests, to enable pharmacists to monitor patients and make appropriate recommendations regarding therapy.  
**22 January, Riddel Hall, Belfast, 10am – 5pm**

### Tackling obesity

*Pharmacists only*

To motivate pharmacists to play an active role in both the prevention and management of obesity.  
**24 January, Riddel Hall, Belfast, 10am – 5pm**

### Improving your practice as an ACPT

*Accredited Checking Pharmacy Technicians (ACPTs) only*

To further develop the professional attitudes and behaviours of ACPTs with a focus on the prevention of errors during the supply of medicines to patients.  
**30 January, Riddel Hall, Belfast, 7.30pm – 9.30pm**

### Supporting cancer patients through treatment

*Pharmacists only*

By the development of appropriate knowledge and skills, to equip community pharmacists to support individuals receiving treatment for cancer.  
**2 February, Riddel Hall, Belfast, 10am – 5pm**

### Medicines management: Heart failure

*Pharmacists only*

To provide pharmacists with the knowledge required to provide a comprehensive medicines management service to patients with heart failure.  
**7 February, Riddel Hall, Belfast, 10am – 5pm**

### Influencing and persuading

*Pharmacists only*

By the use of effective influencing and persuading skills, to enable pharmacists to become more effective in changing the practice of others.  
**8 February, Riddel Hall, Belfast, 10am – 5pm**

### Medicines management: Asthma

*Pharmacists only*

To develop the competence required to deliver a comprehensive medicines management service to patients with asthma.  
**19 February, Riddel Hall, Belfast, 10am – 5pm**

### OTC update

*Pharmacists only*

To equip pharmacists to effectively respond to symptom and patient requests for OTC medication within the community pharmacy setting.  
**26 February, Riddel Hall, Belfast, 10am – 5pm**

### Advanced clinical practice: Type 2 diabetes

*Pharmacists, GPs and nurse prescribers*

To provide an update on the latest evidence supporting the management of Type 2 diabetes.  
**27 February, The Seagoe Hotel, Portadown, 10am – 1pm OR 2pm – 5pm**  
**28 February, The Dunsilly Hotel, Antrim, 10am – 1pm OR 2pm – 5pm**

### Improving inhaler technique

*Pharmacists and Pharmacy technicians*

To equip participants to provide optimal advice in relation to the use of inhaler devices for the management of respiratory conditions.  
**5 March, Riddel Hall, Belfast, 7.30pm – 9.30pm**  
**12 March, The Seagoe Hotel, Portadown, 7.30pm – 9.30pm**  
**21 March, The Dunsilly Hotel, Antrim, 7.30pm – 9.30pm**

### Advanced clinical practice: Type 2 diabetes

*Pharmacists, GPs and nurse prescribers*

To provide an update on the latest evidence supporting the management of Type 2 diabetes.  
**7 March, Riddel Hall, Belfast, 10am – 1pm OR 2pm – 5pm**  
**8 March, Glenavon House Hotel, Cookstown, 10am – 1pm OR 2pm – 5pm**  
**13 March, Riddel Hall, Belfast, 10am – 1pm OR 2pm – 5pm**

### Medicines management: DOACs

*Pharmacists only*

To provide pharmacists with the knowledge required to deliver a safe and supportive service to patients taking DOACs.  
**14 March, Riddel Hall, Belfast, 10am – 5pm**