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# Car parking

## Parking at Riddel Hall

Participants attending NICPLD workshops at Riddel Hall continue to enjoy the spacious surroundings and excellent car parking the venue offers.

Car parking is still free to delegates, but access to the car parks is now controlled by barriers. When you arrive at Riddel Hall, you must now press the button at the entrance barrier to be issued with a ticket.

At the end of the workshop delegates will be issued with a validated ticket which is scanned at the exit to the car park to raise the barrier.



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# New Lead for eLearning

NICPLD are pleased to welcome Pamela McClean as the new Lead for eLearning.

Pamela has five years experience working as a community pharmacist and in primary care as a practice pharmacist. She recently completed her PhD on antibiotic prescribing and infection control in care homes.

Pamela joined NICPLD on 1 October 2012 and will initially be working on new online courses for diabetes and smoking cessation, which will replace the older print-based courses. It is anticipated that the first of these courses will be available in January 2013.

Every year NICPLD provides over 350 hours of distance learning to pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, with almost one-third of this available as eLearning. The flexibility of distance learning as part of CPD has long been recognized within pharmacy and eLearning extends this flexibility by making reports, articles, guidelines and podcasts available as part of the online learning experience.



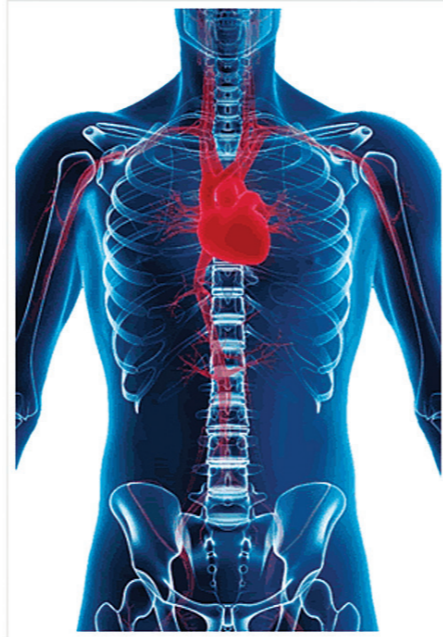
# Cardiovascular risk

In the UK cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of preventable death, an increasing cause of morbidity, and a major cause of disability and ill health. In 2009, over 180,000 people died from cardiovascular disease in the UK.

To support pharmacists in promoting healthy lifestyles, NICPLD has run a one-evening workshop on cardiovascular risk in five venues from September – November. The workshop will run in four regional venues from January-March 2013.

To further support these activities, a new online course entitled Cardiovascular Risk has recently been launched. This course deals with reducing cardiovascular risk and managing risk factors, such as hypertension and hyperlipidaemia.

**Cardiovascular risk**



**Cardiovascular disease  
Cardiovascular risk**

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**The course provides 6 hours of learning and can be accessed from the NICPLD website under the online courses link.**

# Independent prescribing

We are now recruiting pharmacists for the next independent prescriber course, which will start in March 2013. The closing date for applications, is 30th November 2012, which will give you time to get a medical mentor (GP or consultant) to guide you in your in-practice training.

While the majority of the course is delivered online, there are a number of compulsory workshops as follows:

25 March 2013	4 September 2013	10 September 2013
26 March 2013	5 September 2013	8 October 2013
10 April 2013	6 September 2013	6 November 2013

[Download application forms](#)



# New distance learning course

## Evidence-based wound management

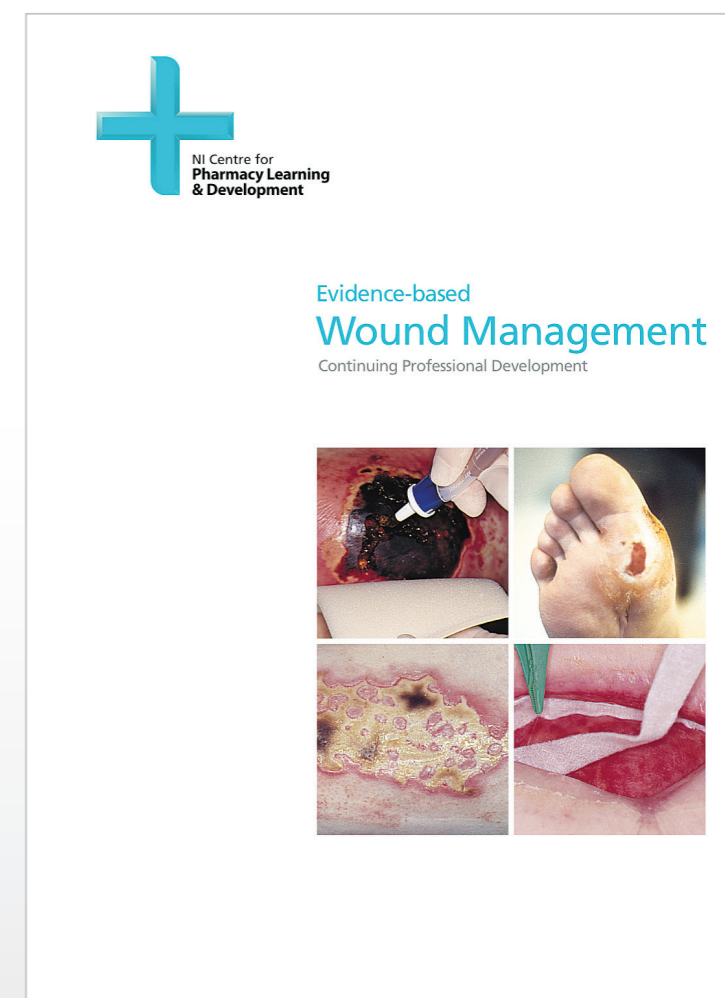
### Aim

To provide learners with the knowledge and skills needed to adopt an holistic approach to wound management, thereby ensuring optimal patient outcomes.

### Learning outcomes

Having completed this course you should be able to:

- recognise the most commonly encountered wounds and factors that promote their healing
- review the presentation, indications and methods of use for each dressing type
- identify the functions and characteristics of an 'ideal dressing'
- demonstrate the principles of rational choice of dressing for patients suffering from pressure ulcers, leg ulcers, diabetic foot ulcers or fungating malignant ulcers
- highlight opportunities for greater partnership between healthcare professions in the patient management process.



This new course provides 12 hours of learning and can be requested via the NICPLD website

# CPD grants

This year there has been an unprecedented number of requests by pharmacists for CPD grants to support their professional development.

Over 30 bursaries were provided this year for a diverse range of courses, examples of which are shown below:

- Certificate in Pharmacy Management
- Diploma in Community Pharmacy
- Diploma in Medical Toxicology
- Doctor of Pharmacy
- Diploma in Therapeutics
- MSc in Infection Management
- MSc in Interprofessional Healthcare Studies
- UKCPA Conference
- UK Renal Pharmacy Conference.

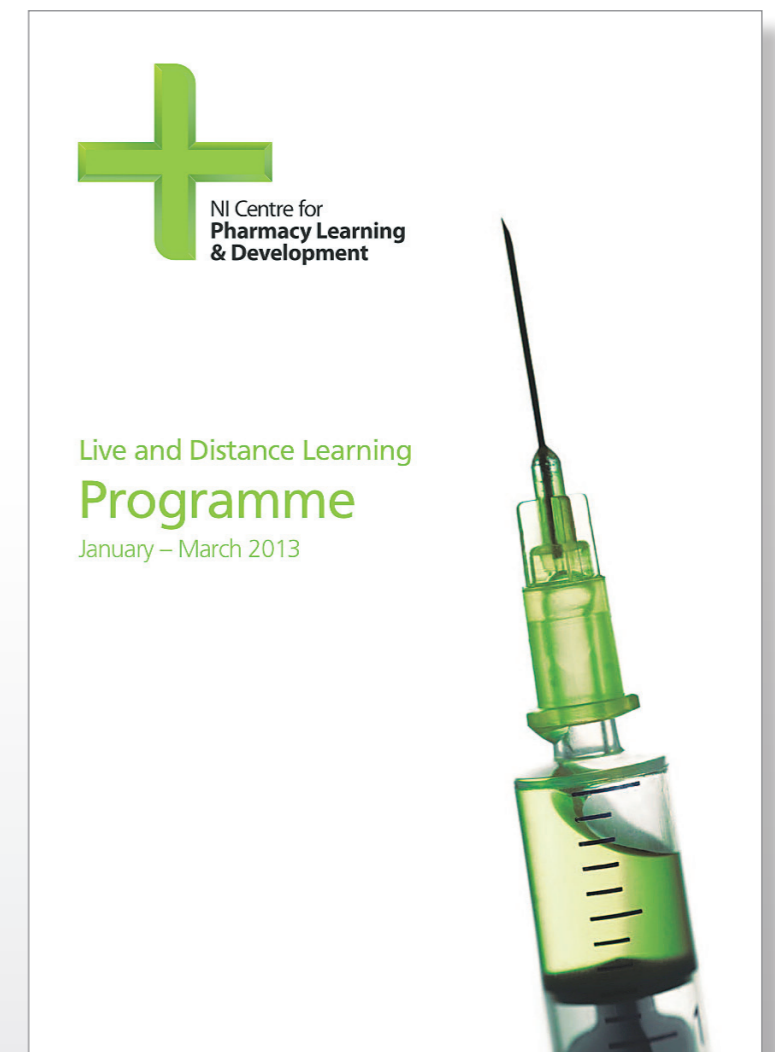


**Because of the demand for bursaries, the budget for 2012/13 has now been fully allocated and we are no longer accepting new applications for funding until March 2013 that relate to course uptake in 2013/14.**

# Next term

The course brochure for January – March 2013 will be posted in early December 2012, at which time you will be able to register for the following workshops on the NICPLD website:

- Establishing an Access database
- Medicines management: Hypertension
- Influencing and persuading
- Responding to symptoms in babies, infants and children
- Making an impact at interview
- Medicines management: Oral anticoagulation
- Colorectal cancer
- Advanced clinical practice: Cardiovascular disease
- Integrated patients' own drugs accredited programme
- Mentor programme – integrated patients' own drugs accredited programme
- Powerful presentation skills
- Medicines management: Thyroid and parathyroid disorders.



The regional programme is entitled *Managing medicines in people with renal and liver disease* and will run in nine different venues. An evening programme on *Cardiovascular risk* will run in four venues from January – March 2013.



# 6th All Ireland Pharmacy Conference

**Tuesday 13th November 2012 – Ballymascanlon House Hotel, Dundalk**

The conference aim is to share good practice in pharmaceutical care across sectors and is open to pharmacists and pharmacy technicians. The parallel sessions will cover:

- Medicines management
- Care of older patients
- Medicines safety
- Continuing professional development

To facilitate networking, a conference dinner has been arranged for the evening of Monday 12th November 2012, the cost of which will be covered by sponsorship. The day delegate fee for the conference (Tuesday 13th November 2012) is £40, with the main proceedings starting at 10am and finishing at 4.30pm. Payment by cheque (to Queen's University, Belfast) must accompany the application, which should be received by 26th October 2012.

Delegates who require overnight accommodation (€90 single and €75 sharing) should contact the hotel directly ([www.ballymascanlon.com](http://www.ballymascanlon.com)).

**Application forms can be downloaded from the NICPLD website**

