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**Q1** Does your trust have any patient group directives (PGD) in use?

**A1** Yes

**Q2** Which drugs currently have active patient group directives?

**A2** Hospital PGDs:

- Aspirin 300mg single dose or clopidogrel 300mg single dose (Atrial septal Defect/ Patent ovale closure).
- Ticagrelor 180mg, aspirin 600mg or clopidogrel 600mg loading doses (pre percutaneous transluminal coronary intervention (PCI)).
- Gaviscon advance, chlorphenamine, strepsils, paracetamol, simple linctus, GTN tablet, GTN spray, senna – currently in the process of getting rid of these PGDs and switching over to a single ‘discretionary meds policy’ as these GSL and P meds don’t require a PGD.
- Lidocaine 1% w/v injection (10mg/ml) – for line insertions
- Influenza vaccine
- Gadovist 1.0mmol/ml and Dotarem 0.5mmol/ml – used by radiology

Knowsley CVD Community Services PGDs:

- GTN tablet or GTN spray and aspirin 300mg single dose – for prophylaxis of angina attack, patient with cardiac chest pain

Knowsley Bronchiectasis and COPD community services PGDs:

- Amoxicillin 500mg Caps, doxycycline 100mg caps, ciprofloxacin 500mg tables, doxycycline 100mg caps, erdosteine, Ipratropium 500mcg nebs, Salbutamol 2.5mg in 2.5ml nebs, salbutamol 100mcg MDI, Sodium chloride 0.9% nebuliser solution.

**Q3** Which healthcare professionals utilise patient group directives and for which drug?

- A3**
- Aspirin or clopidogrel for ASD/ PFO closure – Clinical nurse practitioners working in LHCH cardiology outpatient clinics.
  - Ticagrelor, aspirin, clopidogrel loading doses pre PCI – Clinical nurse practitioners working in LHCH cardiology outpatient clinics.
  - Gaviscon advance, chlorphenamine, strepsils, paracetamol, simple linctus, GTN tablet, GTN spray, senna – ‘homely remedies’ – used by in-patient ward nurses.
  - Lidocaine 1% w/v injection (10mg/ml) – for line insertions – Advanced nurse practitioners in critical care.
  - Influenza vaccine – used by occupation health nurses, for administration to staff.
  - Gadovist 1.0mmol/ml and Dotarem 0.5mmol/ml – state registered radiographers working in MRI.
  - Knowsley CVD community services – GTN tablet or GTN spray and aspirin 300mg

single dose – registered community nurses

- Knowsley Bronchiectasis and COPD community services PGDs (all of the medications as above Q2) – community respiratory nurses and physiotherapists.

Q4 Are patient group directives being audited within your trust, by who and how often?

A4 Yes. The PGDs are audited by the PGD pharmacist every 2 years. The audit and any recommendations are then discussed by the drugs and therapeutics committee. The audit reviews that all the staff are compliant with training and competency work. The audit also reviews the usage of the audits and compliance with documentation.