

SLCSN CARDIOVASCULAR PRESCRIBING FORUM

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Aim

The SLCSN Cardiovascular Prescribing Forum (CPF) aims to provide a forum for clinical engagement and debate to ensure consistent, cost effective prescribing for the benefit of cardiac and stroke patients in both primary and secondary care across South London.

Objectives

1. To bring together South London consultants cardiologists, stroke physicians, GPs, nurses and pharmacists to identify and explore prescribing issues
2. To promote consistent, cost effective approaches to, and implementation of, evidence-based prescribing guidelines for cardiovascular disease in South London, taking into account clinical effectiveness and affordability within the local health economy
3. To maintain effective links and to act as a resource with South London pharmacy networks, medicines management groups, local formulary committees and other relevant prescribing networks and forums to share information and avoid duplication of effort
4. To support the work of the SLCSN work streams through the development of relevant prescribing guidelines
5. To develop and present recommendations through a consensus approach
6. To report to the SLCSN Development Board and cardiovascular work streams as required

Membership

- Consultant cardiologists
- Consultant stroke physicians
- Cardiac surgeons
- Vascular surgeons
- Primary care pharmacy/
medicine management leads
- Metabolic physicians
- GPs
- Nursing
- Hospital pharmacists
- Community pharmacists

The Cardiovascular Prescribing Forum will co-opt other members as appropriate to the agenda / work plan. Guests may also be invited to attend meetings. All proposals for co-options or guest attendance will be made through the chair and agreed by the membership. The Cardiovascular Prescribing Forum will also develop links with general medicine to facilitate joint working, particularly for those patients with co-morbidities such as diabetes, kidney and peripheral vascular disease.

Accountability

Helen Williams, Consultant Pharmacist for CVD, South London will chair the CPF.

Meetings

Meetings will take place quarterly (more frequently, if required) at a time and venue agreed by the members. Administrative support will be provided by the SLCSN.

Work plan

The work plan for 2010/11 includes:

- Primary and secondary prevention lipid guidance and FAQs
- Stroke prevention and TIA prevention and the use of warfarin and new oral anticoagulant in AF patients
- Hypertension
- Thrombolysis in acute stroke
- Prasugrel
- Ivabradine in chronic heart failure
- Dronedrone
- Ticagrelor

Links

The Cardiovascular Prescribing Forum will maintain links with:

- NHS London
- South London clusters
- SLCSN Pharmacy Working Group
- South London Pharmacy Network
- BSU/Borough medicines management groups
- Local formulary committees
- Local pharmaceutical committees
- SLCSN work streams (including Heart Failure, Arrhythmias and Prevention, where prescribing issues are of particular importance)
- London Cardiac and Stroke Networks
- Others as appropriate

Outcomes

The Cardiovascular Prescribing Forum will:

- Enable exploration of cardiovascular prescribing issues across the whole patient pathway
- Ensure clinical engagement in the issues of cardiac prescribing in South London
- Facilitate a consistent approach to the implementation of evidence-based prescribing guidelines for cardiovascular patients
- Provide a source of consensus clinical opinion on equitable, and clinical and cost effective prescribing for the benefit of cardiac patients

Outputs

The Cardiovascular Prescribing Forum will:

- Agree terms of reference, membership and a work plan
- Hold meetings on a regular basis bringing together a broad membership
- Address issues in cardiovascular prescribing from relevant stakeholders
- Produce minutes of meetings to be circulated to members, key links and the SLCSN clinical reference groups
- Produce recommendations to the SLCSN Development Board as appropriate
- Produce information and support clinicians in implementing clinical and cost effective prescribing.

Review

The Cardiovascular Prescribing Forum will review its terms of reference, membership and work plan annually.

Agreed at meeting: 2nd November 2011

Review date: November 2012