



School of Health and Social Care

Anticoagulant Monitoring in Practice University Certificate in Professional Development

Diploma Level 20 credits

from Teesside University School of Health and Social Care, delivered in partnership with IntraHealth Ltd

This UCPD has been designed to enable registered health care professionals to achieve autonomous practice managing patients taking any oral anticoagulant. Management of both DOACs and VKAs (such as warfarin, acenocoumarol) is covered, including appropriate & safe use of LMWH & oral vitamin K. The course aims to develop clinicians with the skills and knowledge to safely & holistically manage patients taking any oral anticoagulant.

What you study

How oral anticoagulants work

Indications for anticoagulation

Benefits and risks of anticoagulation

Evidence base for anticoagulation
(NICE, British Society of Haematology
& European guidelines)

Which anticoagulant is most suitable
for my patient?

Factors to consider when adjusting
doses of anticoagulants

Managing bleeding & reversal of
anticoagulant therapy

Managing sub-therapeutic
anticoagulation

Managing complex scenarios (such as
surgery, endoscopy, red flags)

Patient counselling

Point of Care Testing for warfarin and
other VKAs (includes self-testing,
quality control)

Performance monitoring & audit of
clinical services

Information governance & litigation

Where & how you learn

At the start of the course, two days of seminars and workshops are delivered from Teesside University's Darlington Campus, covering the core course content.

You will consolidate and further develop your learning during the following 15 weeks within your own work environment with the support of a local mentor & the Teesside UCPD module leaders, and by engaging with the Teesside University Blackboard (a web-based learning environment).

How you are assessed

Assessment is in two components, which together will form a Portfolio of Evidence.

Part One:

Assessment of the skills required to perform INR testing

Assessment of theoretical knowledge via MCQ

Assessment of management of a variety of simple to complex patient encounters

Part Two:

A 1000 word essay, demonstrating your ability to apply theory to practice by using current evidence & critical analysis to discuss management of a complex anticoagulation patient.

Next course starts: 23rd & 24th January 2018

Course Duration: 15 weeks

Entry Requirements

You should be a registered nurse, GP or hospital doctor, pharmacist, pharmacy technician or biomedical scientist.

Access to patients who require anticoagulation monitoring is required and students may be required to consider moving to a larger patient base to gain the necessary experience as a minimum of 60 hours in practice is required.

Each student will need a local mentor who has experience of anticoagulant monitoring and is able to provide support and feedback.

Course Fee £1,250

Cancellations: Fees will be refunded on a sliding scale as follows: within 2 weeks prior to course date 25% refunded; 2-4 weeks prior to course date 50% refunded, 4-6 weeks prior to course date 75%; 6 weeks plus 100% refund. It may be possible to transfer your reserved place to another available date when 6 weeks or more notice is provided; transfers with less than 6 weeks before date

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