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To Practice Managers for dissemination to:
Practice Nurses and Senior Partners

Dear Practice Manager / Practice Nurse / Senior Partner

Re. Adrenaline (Epinephrine) Patient Group Direction (NECSAT 2018/007)

The current Adrenaline (Epinephrine) Injection Patient Group Direction (PGD) (NECSAT 2018/007) has expired on 31st August 2020.

Following discussion with Public Health England (PHE) and NHSE&I-NEY Assistant Medical Director it has been agreed that the current Adrenaline PGD will not be updated or renewed.

The reason for this is that medicines regulation allows any person able to recognise anaphylactic reaction to administer adrenaline 1mg/ml injection without a PGD or Patient Specific Direction (PSD) when it is used to save a life. (See references below). This practice is also in line with other NHS areas and organisations.

The Resuscitation Council (UK) has also directed that a PGD for adrenaline injection is not required for anyone (whether a healthcare professional or not) to administer intramuscular adrenaline for the purpose of saving a life in an emergency. Further information can be found at www.resus.org.uk

It should be noted that people administering vaccines under a PGD are required to have undertaken the appropriate training to be able to respond to signs of anaphylaxis as per the resus council guidance. Please find attached the resus council anaphylaxis guidance documents for practitioners to use and follow.

For full details please refer to The Human Medicines Regulations 2012 (The reference link is: https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1916/pdfs/uksi_20121916_en.pdf)

This contains exceptions to the general rules on selling, supplying and/or administering medicines. (See Part 12, Chapter 3, Regulation 238 (page 136)).

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact either myself, Sue White (Tel: 0191 217 2533/ email: sue.white14@nhs.net) or the NHS England Screening and Immunisation Team (SIT) Tel. 011382 53017 or Email: england.cane.screeningimms@nhs.net



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