Focus on Dermatology
DEAR COLLEAGUES

We have decided to address the management of dermatological conditions because they rank as one of the commonest conditions that pharmacists encounter in their daily practice. We have put together a programme based on feedback from our members. Participants have ample opportunity to interact with the speakers during the informal Q&A time to clarify any unresolved issues or explore a topic further. We thus encourage you to become members and participate fully in these sessions. We would like to thank our speakers for accepting our invitation to address our members. A very big thank you to our sponsors for supporting this session.

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SESSION 1

Common facial dermatoses

Scope
Facial dermatoses adversely affects the physical health and wellbeing of the individual. This session will seek to highlight various aspects of this condition and its management.

Objectives
• To highlight typical presentations of common facial dermatoses, namely acne vulgaris, acne rosacea, seborrhoeic dermatitis and melasma
• To outline current management recommendations
• To point out potential pitfalls in management

Learning objectives
By the end of the session pharmacists will:
• Be aware of current treatment guidelines
• Be confident in advising patients appropriately when dispensing medication
• Be able to direct patients accordingly when OTCs fail

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SESSION 2

Cutaneous side effects of drugs used in rheumatology

Rheumatology is living exciting times with the advent of targeted therapies like the biological agents and the great benefits they afford to patients with severe disease. This constitutes a major scientific advance but the cost of these medications assures us that the older preparations will be around for a considerable time. It thus is crucial for all health care professionals involved in their management

Objectives
To highlight the dermatological side effects of:
• The biological agents
• The analogics and anti inflammatory agents that are widely prescribed in both family and hospital practice

Learning objectives
By the end of the session pharmacists will be able to:
• Appreciate the potential wide spectrum of side effects on the skin most mild, some life threatening
• In many instances be in a position to influence the outcome
• Educate the patient (and the family) on what might happen albeit rarely, so that action can be taken swiftly in the event of complications
• In the words of BadenPowell to his Boy Scouts
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SESSION 3

Common skin infections

Scope
Skin infections and infestations are encountered on a regular basis in pharmacy practice and are often a cause of concern for patients because of their risk of transmission, their impact on appearance or their symptomatology, eg pain or itch. Some can be treated successfully with OTC products, making the pharmacist an important first point of reference.

Objectives
• To provide an overview of the commonest viral and bacterial skin infections and parasitic skin infestations (fungal skin infections will be addressed in another lecture)
• To discuss the different treatment options for each condition, including local treatment guidelines
• To provide further advice that can be offered to the patient, eg on how to reduce transmission and the risk of recurrence

Learning objectives
By the end of the session pharmacists will be able to:
• Recognize the commonest viral and bacterial skin infections and parasitic skin infestations
• Have a good understanding of the different treatment options – when to treat with OTCs and when to refer for prescription treatment or surgical interventions
• Better understand what advice to offer patients on how to reduce transmission, relieve symptomatology and reduce the risk of recurrence

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Tuesday, 21 October 2014 19:45 for 20:00 Lecture Centre, Car park 2 University of Malta

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PHARMACEUTICAL CARE

...is the responsible provision of drug therapy for the purpose of achieving definite outcomes that improve a patient’s quality of life...

...is provided for the direct benefit of the patient and the pharmacist is responsible directly to the patient for the quality of that care.”

C.D. Hepler

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SESSION 4

Atopic dermatitis & psoriasis: what’s new?

Scope
An update on the pathophysiology, clinical presentation, and management of these two classical chronic dermatological conditions, of which one made it into the Schedule 5 list and one did not!

Objectives
- To provide an update on the pathophysiology, clinical presentation, and management of atopic dermatitis and the relation to heredity, asthma, stress, and environmental factors
- To discuss the management which will involve removal of any aggravating factors, extensive use of emollients, and judicious use of topical steroids
- To address the use of calcineurin inhibitors
- To discuss psoriasis with reference to genetic factors, possible extra cutaneous complications including metabolic syndrome, aggravating factors including certain drugs, and modern modes of therapy including biological agents

Learning Objectives
By the end of the session pharmacists will be able to:
- Have a better appreciation of the two conditions
- Be in position to advise patients accordingly

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SESSION 5

Fungal infections of the skin, hair & nails

Scope
Fungal infections of the skin, hair and nails are common and although they are not life-threatening may cause considerable morbidity. Affected patients often seek the pharmacist’s advice about them. This session will provide an overview of diagnosis and management of fungal infections of the skin, hair and nails relevant to pharmacy practice.

Objectives
- To provide an overview of the diagnosis of common cutaneous infections
- To discuss the management of these common conditions

Learning Objectives
By the end of the session, pharmacists will:
- Have updated knowledge of diagnosis of common cutaneous fungal infections
- Be in a better position to provide the right information to patients
- Have increased confidence in counselling patients about pharmacological & non-pharmacological management of common cutaneous fungal infections.

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SESSION 6

Wound care and tissue viability – different types of dressing

Scope
A wound dressing does not heal the wound but provides the optimum environment for wound healing. The different properties of different wound products help to provide this environment depending on the wound/ ulcers, patient and what the clinician is expecting of the wound. Wound care is a dynamic process and in the majority of cases different wound care modalities need to be applied according to the wound progress until healing is achieved.

Some products have similar properties but others if applied may have a contradictory mode of action.

Objectives
- To provide an overview of the main phases of wound healing, following the TIME paradigm
- To provide an overview of different aetiologies of common chronic ulcers with factors that impact on healing
- To describe the classification of wound products
- To discuss features of recommended wound products

Learning Objectives
By the end of the session pharmacists will:
- Be able to distinguish between a healing and a non-healing wound
- Be aware of factors that delay wound healing
- Identify treatment modalities necessary in conjunction with wound management for wound healing
- Understand the importance of appropriate referral to specialist care

Delivered by:
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Tuesday, 11 November 2014 19:45 for 20:00 Lecture Centre, Car park 2 Tuesday, 4 November 2014

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The influence of beliefs about medicines on adherence to therapy

Date: Wednesday 5th November  Time: 1:30pm  Venue: MDH Joint CPD session, MCPP MAHP MDH Prof Judith Barr, School of Pharmacy, Northeastern University Boston MA, USA

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