

Aberdeen City Health & Social Care Partnership/ Aberdeenshire Health & Social Care Partnership / Health & Social Care Moray / NHS Grampian - Pharmacotherapy Read codes

Recording Pharmacotherapy Activity

Within Primary Care NHS Grampian we have been using NATIONALLY agreed pharmacotherapy read codes. They fulfil most of the activities we undertake in level 1 and level 2 activity but are not specific enough for level 3 activity or have included level 0 activities. Pharmacotherapy teams should use and become familiar with the revised read codes to be used across all Primary Care within NHS Grampian.

- Vision users should save the 'Pharmacotherapy Activity' Guideline on a tab within their consultation manager and enter the data using the Guideline. The guideline along with Instructions on downloading and setting up Tabs can be found [here](#)

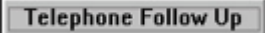






Please note, when clicking on some buttons within the Guideline you will be prompted to record where to save the 'clinical data'. It's important to ALWAYS choose 'Enter in General History'.

When manually entering a Read Code in Vision you must also ensure that it is entered as a "Medical History" and not a medication recall. You can quickly enter Read codes by pressing F2 and only the agreed **Read Codes** from the table below should be used. Please remember to add a # in front of the codes when entering manually

- All entries should be recorded following the SP3AA guidance on "Good practice guidance for GP Practice Pharmacy Staff recording in patients' records within NHS Scotland" 2021 using the SBAR format where appropriate.
- **Staff are reminded to ONLY use one code.** If more than one code would be suitable use a single code but choose the 'highest level' code appropriate. The exceptions to this when an additional read code should be recorded are when:
 - an IP signs a prescription and has to record the 'prescription by supplementary prescriber'
 - a failed encounter when trying to contact/telephone a patient
 - a significant problem (Emis) / Priority 1 (Vision) should be added to appear on a patient's Emergency Care Summary e.g. compliance aid
 - a serial prescription is issued for this first time following a review, the review is the higher level code so code level 1 #66RE in addition to the review.


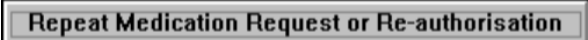
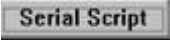


Pharmacy Assistant / Practice activity – may also be undertaken by pharmacotherapy team members

Level 0 – Additional read codes


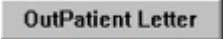
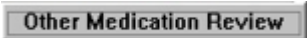
Agreed activity Level 0 – general pharmacotherapy task & Vision Guideline Button	Description of when you might use the code	Read code Description	Read Code
Telephone Follow Up 	Telephone Encounter	Telephone Follow Up	9N31100
Failed encounter 	Phone call to patient – no reply	Failed Encounter	9N4Z.00
Identify patients getting medicines weekly dispensed in a Pharmacy Filled monitored dosage system. 	Medicines in MDS Should be coded PRIORITY 1 (Vision) / SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM (Emis) so this appears on a patient's emergency care summary	Uses Dispensed Monitored Dosage System	8BIA000
Home Care Medicines Management Patient 	Home Care Medicines Management Should be coded PRIORITY 1 (Vision) / SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM (Emis) so this appears on a patient's emergency care summary	Needs Domiciliary Care worker to administer medicines	8BML
Supply of Urgent Repeat Medication 	Urgent Supply by CP	Supply of Urgent Repeat Medication by Community Pharmacy via PGD	8BMf
Pharmacy First Service 	Pharmacy First	Pharmacy First Service	9NX3
HCSW/ pharmacy assistant			
Identify poor compliance, dose optimization, synchronizing repeat quantities. Searches from Scottish Therapeutics Utility (STU) 	Technical review of repeat prescription by pharmacy assistant/HCSW e.g., Synchronizing quantities, compliance checks. Housekeeping issues, some of which may be identified by STU	Repeat prescription monitoring	66R

Pharmacotherapy Team activity (may also be undertaken appropriately trained and qualified staff)



Level 1

Pharmacotherapy tasks	Suggested Read Code		
Agreed activity Level 1 & Vision Guideline Button	Description of when you might use the code	Read code Description	Read Code
Acute prescription requests 	Acute Medication request. For any acute medication i.e., not on repeat. Usually, medication will have been issued before if actioned by a technician. Use the 'comments' box to record your checks or any reason for NOT issuing the acute.	Medication requested	8B3H
Repeat prescription tasks 	Repeat Medication Request or re-authorisation Technical task of re-authorising of a repeat prescription or a repeat serial prescription (after at TSR has been received). Check appropriate monitoring and medication review is in place. This task can be done by technician or pharmacist. Without completion of a medication review. Use the 'comments' box to record your checks	Repeated Prescription	8B41.
Issue of Serial Prescriptions 	Serial Script initiation only Issue of FIRST EVER serial script Subsequent re-authorisation of serial scripts use repeat authorisation code	Serial Prescription Issued	66RE
Shortages and supply issues 	Supply Issue Dealing with out of stocks or shortages of medication	Drug not available - out of stock	8B38500
Pharmaceutical queries / Medication discussion with Pharmacist / Clinical checks 	Medication issues/questions discussed with Pharmacist Use this read code for clinical checks done by pharmacist for CDDs/IDLs & CCNs which are then passed to technician/HSCW for actioning	Medication discussed with Pharmacist	671G00





Level 1 - continued

Pharmacotherapy tasks	Suggested Read Code		
Agreed activity Level 1 & Vision Guideline Button	Description of when you might use the code	Read code Description	Read Code#
CDDs / IDLs 	Medicines reconciliation from hospital Clinical Discharge Documents with medical record. In the comments, document Ward and discharge date, drugs stopped, started and changed, monitoring due and arranged and if you have spoken to the patient, carer or pharmacy. May also be appropriate to record the diagnosis code and any reasons for stops / starts / changes in the comments	Post hospital discharge med reconciliation with medical notes	8B3S100
Outpatient clinic note or letter 	Medication reconciliation pertaining to outpatient letters, clinical contact notes, secondary care clinician emails or phone contacts (record which is being undertaken in the comments) In the comments, document Ward and discharge date, drugs stopped, started and changed, monitoring due and arranged and if you have spoken to the patient carer or pharmacy	Outpatient Letter	9N3D200
Non-clinical medication review 	Technical review of repeat medicines. Examples include synchronisation, compliance checks, housekeeping, issues identified by STU (Scottish Therapeutic Utilities) or identifying patients suitable for MCR (Medicines Care and review) serial prescriptions.	Other medication review	8BI (capital i)

Level 2

Pharmacotherapy tasks	Suggested Read Code		
Agreed activity Level 2 & Vision Guideline Button	Description of when you might use the code	Read code Description	Read Code #
Medication review done by pharmacy technicians 	A Pharmacy Technician review involving a decision about medication done by a pharmacy technician using the clinical record. May or may not involve patient contact. Can include a technical review and adjustment of medication. Examples include; preparation of medication review for pharmacists' clinics, preparation for care home reviews, communicating safety recalls to patients.	Medication review done by pharmacy technician	8BMH
Medication Review by pharmacist 	Pharmacist Medicine Review - Any level 2 review involving a decision about medication done by a pharmacist. May or may not involve patient contact. This can include for example covert medication review.	Medication review done by pharmacist	8BIC

Level 3

Agreed activity Level 3 & Vision Guideline Button	Description of when you might use the code	Read code Description	Read Code #
Reviewing results 	Review of results for chronic diseases (bloods, BP's, INRs, cholesterol, TFTs) or drug monitoring review of shared care bloods / protocols Document your consultation in the 'comments' box. May or may not involve patient contact Pharmacist has reviewed results and has made the clinical decision on appropriateness. Do not use if another clinician has reviewed, commented and/or actioned results.	Review of patient Laboratory test Report	41H
Pharmacist level 3 review by phone 	Telephone or video level 3 consultation by pharmacist - indicate phone or video review in comments This is an advanced consultation generally in complex patients with multimorbid conditions and polypharmacy. It is a comprehensive review by an experienced pharmacist (may be a specialist clinic). They will prescribe, monitor and adjust treatment as appropriate.	Medication Review with patient	8B3x
Pharmacist level 3 review Face to Face 	Face to Face level 3 consultation by pharmacist. May include examination skills This is an advanced consultation generally in complex patients with multimorbid conditions. It is a comprehensive review by an experienced pharmacist (may be a specialist clinic). They will prescribe, monitor and adjust treatment as appropriate. Consider if you have used the 7 steps of polypharmacy – if YES, then code as polypharmacy review. Polypharmacy review will trump the face to face review.	Seen by pharmacist	9NIQ
Pharmacist polypharmacy review 	Full polypharmacy medication review by pharmacists with emphasis on high level complex reviews. Review should be undertaken utilizing the 7 steps of polypharmacy review and is not defined by the number of medications a patient is taking. Generally, involves high risk patients or high-risk medications, frail patients, care homes, care at home, patients on anticipatory care, frequent hospital admission or high health gain patients.	Polypharmacy Medication Review	8B31B

Pharmacist IP Prescription by supplementary prescriber	GP10 prescription signed by Pharmacist. Pharmacist IP's must use this code to record that they have issued a GP10 and signed the prescription. Do not use to record your clinical consultation. Scripts should be stamped with the PIP's GPhC number in EMIS practices and also for all serial prescriptions signed by a pharmacist both on EMIS and Vision.	Prescription by supplementary prescriber	8B2J
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Appendix 1 - Screenshot of the EMIS Guideline

Pharmacotherapy Activity 12313.

This Guideline was developed and approved by the Lead Pharmacists of Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire and Moray to build upon Nationally agreed Read codes to include both Level 0 and Level 3 activities.

Should you have any questions in relation to this Template please contact your HSCP Lead Pharmacist

A list of Codes and associated Guidance can be viewed on the Grampian Guidance website [Codes and Guidance](#)

Acute/repeat/supply issue

Medication requested ☐ Medication requested not found

Repeated prescription ☐ Repeated prescription not found

Drug not availab.-out of stock ☐ Drug not availab.-out of stock not found

Prescription by supplementary prescriber ☐ Prescription by supplementary prescriber not found

Supply of urgent rpt medication by CP via PGD ☐ Supply of urgent rpt medicatn by

Pharmacy First service ☐ Pharmacy First service not found

Medication reconciliation

Post hospital dischrge med reconciliation with medical notes ☐ Post hospital dischrge med reconciliation with

Outpatient clinic letter received ☐ Outpatient clinic letter received not found

Medication review

Medication review done by pharmacist ☐ Medication review done by pharmacist 04/01/2019

Medication review done by pharmacy technician ☐ Medication review done by pharmacy technician not found

Serial prescription issued ☐ Serial prescription issued not found

Uses dispensed monitored dosage system ☐ Uses dispensed monitored dosage system not found

Needs domiciliary care worker to administer medication ☐ Needs domiciliary care worker to administer medication not found

Level 3

- ☐ Reviewing Results
- ☐ Medication Review with Patient
- ☐ Seen by pharmacist
- ☐ Polypharmacy medication review
- ☐ Prescription by supplementary prescriber

Level 2

- ☐ Medication Review by Pharmacist
- ☐ Medication Review by Pharmacy Tech

Level 1

- ☐ Acute Medication Request
- ☐ Repeat Medication Request or re-authorisation
- ☐ Serial prescription Initiation only
- ☐ Drug not available - Out of Stock
- ☐ Medication Discussed with Pharmacist
- ☐ Post Hospital Discharge Med Rec
- ☐ Outpatient Letter
- ☐ Other medication review

Level 0

- ☐ Telephone follow-up
- ☐ Failed Encounter
- ☐ Uses Dispensed Monitored Dosage System
- ☐ Needs Domiciliary Care Worker to Administer Medicines
- ☐ Supply of Urgent Repeat Meds by Community Pharmac...
- ☐ Pharmacy First service
- ☐ Repeat prescription monitoring

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