OUR PROUDEST MOMENTS OF 2019

LAUNCH OF UPDATED HANDBOOK OF PERIOPERATIVE MEDICINES

In November 2019 we were proud to announce the launch of an updated version of the Handbook of Perioperative Medicines, a national guide for all healthcare professionals involved in or interested in perioperative medicines, including pharmacists, anaesthetists and ward-based surgical teams.

The Handbook received endorsements from the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow, the Royal Pharmaceutical Society and the Preoperative Association. The Handbook also had expert input from the Royal College of Anaesthetists.

The Handbook has undergone a comprehensive review and revision of the original content, an improved layout, and the addition of over 60 new monographs covering multiple new areas of medicines.

The free-to-access online format ensures that the guidance can be adopted nationally and referred to by any health professional at the point of contact with patients undergoing surgery.

Revisions and additions will be made continually, reassuring health professionals that they are accessing the most up-to-date information, along with improvements to the website it is hosted on.

The recommendations attracted endorsement from the Royal College of Nursing, the Royal College of Midwives and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, and are supported by the Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists and the Royal College of Anaesthetists.

“\nThe developing and sharing of best practice in this way is a key function of our organisation.\n\nDr Ruth Bednall, UKCPA Chair

RECOMMENDATIONS TO REDUCE ERRORS IN MATERNITY CENTRES

The UKCPA Women’s Health Group developed recommendations to reduce errors and confusion between Syntocinon® & Syntometrine®, oxytocics currently used in maternity centres.

PROMOTING PHARMACY TO IMPROVE MEDICINES USE AND PATIENT CARE

Our members continue to promote the expertise of the pharmacy workforce by providing advice to national organisations such as NICE, the British Society of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy and NHS England. Last year expert members within our Cardiovascular, Infection, Pain Management, Women’s Health, Diabetes & Endocrinology, Respiratory, and Gastroenterology & Hepatology Committees responded to 18 national consultations.

In addition, our Committee members worked with national bodies such as Diabetes UK, the British Society of Heart Failure, and Epilepsy Action to ensure that pharmacy is represented within these clinical areas.

Numerous members shared their expertise and practice through our own education and training events, plus many more delivered by other organisations. In 2019 we delivered 15 Masterclasses and training days, plus our annual Pharmacy Together conference, with over 1300 delegates attending our events over the year.