

Radiographer Prescribing Group SIG Annual Report 23/24

We saw a significant increase in membership over the last year with current membership at 129 – includes some diagnostic radiographers, but predominantly therapeutic radiographers.

All members were invited to our annual meeting and education afternoon which was held on 06/02/24 via Teams and chaired by Jancis Kinsman. This was exceptionally well attended.

Meeting business

The terms of reference/ constitution were reviewed and updated – notable change was to open membership to non-SoR members in line with other SIGs. The updated document can be found on the SIG homepage on SoR website.

Co-chair elections – Jancis Kinsman was re-elected as co-chair. Sarah Griffiths stood down as co-chair and was thanked for her many years co-chairing the group and working with SoR to further non-medical prescribing for radiographers. Jo Evans was elected as her replacement.

Education

The following presentations were given, and slides were uploaded to the SIG Synapse page:

- Cautions, contraindications and prescribing of CDs, Kate Gregory, Pharmacist, Bristol
- Photobiomodulation Therapy study results, Vicki Brown, Review Radiographer, Bristol
- Writing fit notes for BMT patients, Rebecca Hallam, Advanced Clinical Practitioner in BMT and IEC, Bristol
- Auditing prescribing practice, Martina McCloskey, Head and Neck Advanced Practitioner Radiographer, Guys
- Palliative Care team perspective on starting/swapping/titrating opioids + Q&A session – Kate Tredgett, Consultant in Palliative Medicine, Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Trust

Additional activities during the last year

After much work the law was finally changed on 31/12/2023 allowing therapeutic radiographers to prescribe from a list of 6 controlled drugs.

Several issues/questions were posted on the Synapse page: -

A request for Trust Buscopan PGD examples (for use in diagnostic imaging) was made with a view to creating a National Buscopan PGD template.

Clarification was sought regarding the difference between off label and unlicensed medication with some specific examples of preparations and routes of administration that it was unclear if radiographers could prescribe. The co-chairs met with Sue Johnson to discuss what information is required and how best to present it and we are awaiting the publication of a guidance document from SoR.

There have been requests for radiographers to be able to issue fit notes and SoR are pursuing this.