

**2017 UK Renal Pharmacy Group Conference**  
**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**Arden Hotel, Birmingham**

**Looking back, looking forward**

**Dear Colleague**

We are delighted to invite you to attend the Renal Pharmacy Group Conference which is being held on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017** at the Arden Hotel, Coventry Road, Bickenhill, Solihull, B92 0EH.

Once again we have excellent speakers with **keynote presentations** on Renal Genetics, Quality Improvement, Nephrotic syndrome and an enlightening session on the development of Renal Pharmacy Leadership and the Renal Pharmacy Group from our Chair.

We also have a range of interesting and topical **workshops**. You will be able to attend one workshop on Friday and one on Saturday and more details will be sent out in May.

There will be a discounted early registration fee (payment before 25<sup>th</sup> August) as an incentive to plan ahead and to arrange your leave and funding. Registration forms and abstract submission forms will be sent out in May.

The Delegate registration desk will be open at 09.15 am on Friday for those attending “The pharmacist and the renal patient pathway”. This is a two hour interactive session for Pharmacists new to Renal Pharmacy featuring six topics **starting at 10.00 am**

- Introduction to the renal patient pathway, CKD and pre-dialysis
- Pharmacokinetics, drug dosing and renal replacement therapy
- AKI
- A beginner’s guide to renal transplant

Each of the key topic presenters will offer ten top tips and a Q&A session. If you are new to renal pharmacy and are interested in attending these sessions please tick the box on your Registration form, places are limited and it will not take place if there are too few numbers.

Registration for other delegates will start at 11.00am and lunch will be available for all delegates at 12.00 with the first opportunity to visit the medical exhibition. The main section of the conference will start at 13.00 with the AGM when the RPG Executive Board will provide an update on current activities of the group. It is also your opportunity to ask questions about future plans for the RPG and volunteer to become directly involved with one of the RPG subgroups.

We received 20 posters at last year’s conference and some great oral presentations and hope that the number of abstracts submitted to the conference will continue to grow in 2017. Plenty of time will be available this year for viewing of the posters and there will be a dedicated session for oral presentations of the best abstracts. If you haven’t submitted an abstract or poster before, the RPG conference is a great opportunity to gain valuable experience preparing and submitting your work to a professional conference.

There are prizes awarded to the best three posters and oral presentations so start thinking about getting an abstract ready. There is also a prize for the best poster by a pharmacist new to renal. The abstract submission guidelines are listed overleaf.

Full registration includes overnight accommodation and meals in the conference hotel. On Friday night you will be able to relax, meet old and new friends and enjoy the informal dinner which will feature a short quiz.

## **Abstract submission guidelines**

All abstracts submitted should include the following information:

Primary Author Name

Job Title

Email address

Tel number

Abstract title

Names of contributing authors

Institution name and address

The document must be saved in Word

The abstract must fit on **one side** of an A4 page

Font should be Times New Roman, size no smaller than 11pt

Please indicate if you would prefer your abstract to be considered for poster only or for poster and oral presentation.

Abstracts must be sent electronically to [johnmonkhouse@mandmconsultants.co.uk](mailto:johnmonkhouse@mandmconsultants.co.uk)

All abstracts must be received no later than **Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> July**

For queries about conference registration and administration, please contact the RPG Secretariat.  
[RPG@mandmconsultants.co.uk](mailto:RPG@mandmconsultants.co.uk)

For other questions about the 2017 RPG conference, please contact the programme chair:  
[dawn.goodall@imperial.nhs.uk](mailto:dawn.goodall@imperial.nhs.uk) or other members of the programme committee.

We look forward to seeing you in September.

Dawn, Claire, Philippa, Helen, Jude and Irene

### **RPG Conference Programme Committee**

(Dawn Goodall, Claire Oates, Philippa Jones, Helen Thomas, Jude Allen and Irene Tam)