



# ***General Data Protection Awareness***

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# ***An Overview of the National Medicinal Product Catalogue***

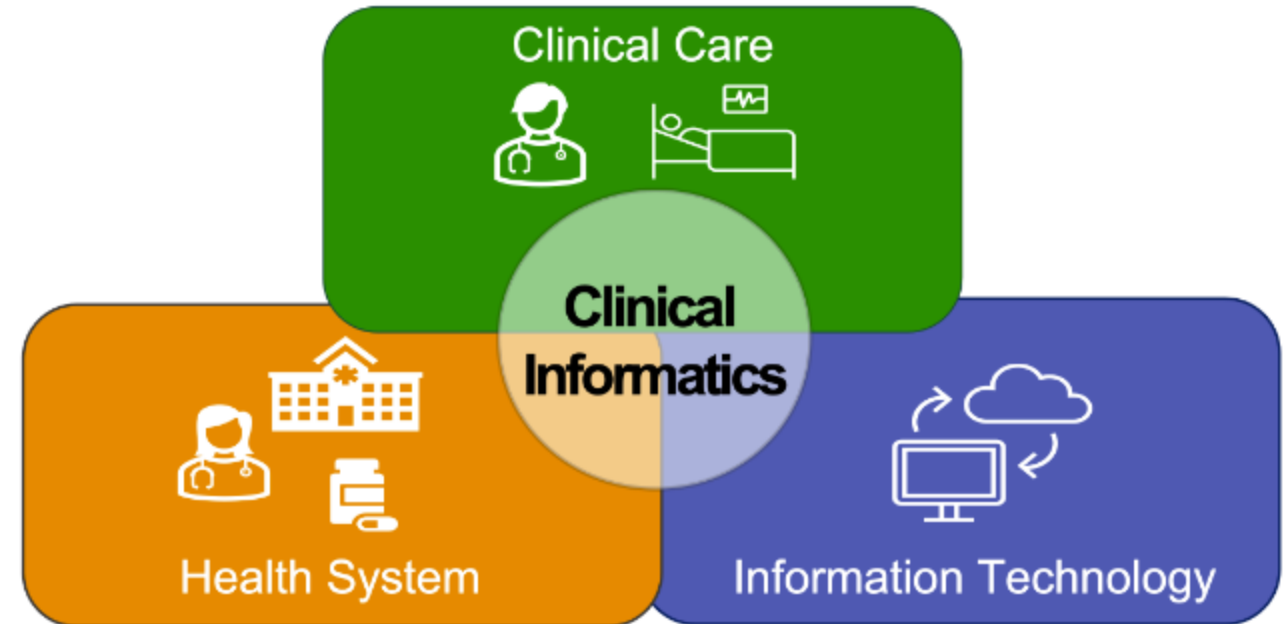
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# Healthcare Informatics

- Healthcare informatics is the application of information technology to deliver health care services
- One of the fastest growing areas in health
- Objective of IIOP webinars:
  - ✓ Enhance awareness of current digital health projects
  - ✓ Basic informatics terminology/concepts





# eHealth Ecosystem



# National Medicinal Product Catalogue

*“An Overview of the NMPC”*

**Irish Institute of Pharmacy**  
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# Introduction

- ✓ Role of Information standardisation in medication safety
- ✓ What is the NMPC + Objectives
- ✓ What do we do to reach these objectives
- ✓ Potential for pharmacy processes:
  - ✓ Information Transfer
  - ✓ Standardised Descriptions
  - ✓ On-screen selection
  - ✓ Linking the medication activities
- ✓ Open Consultation

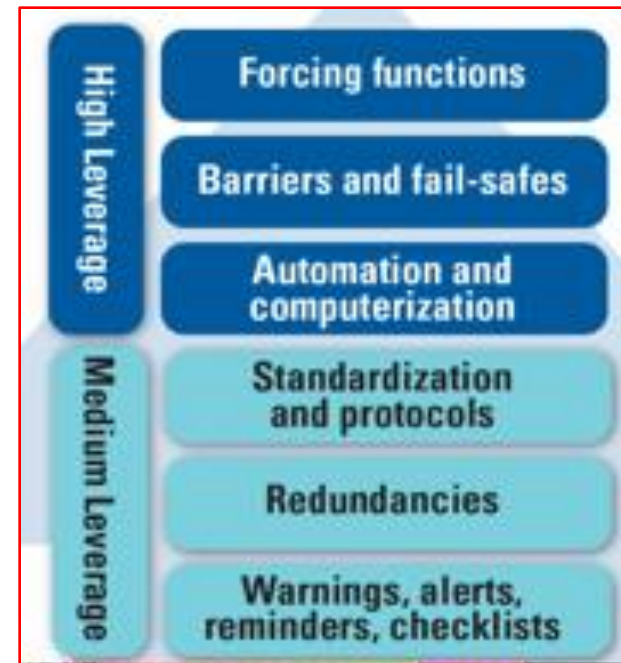
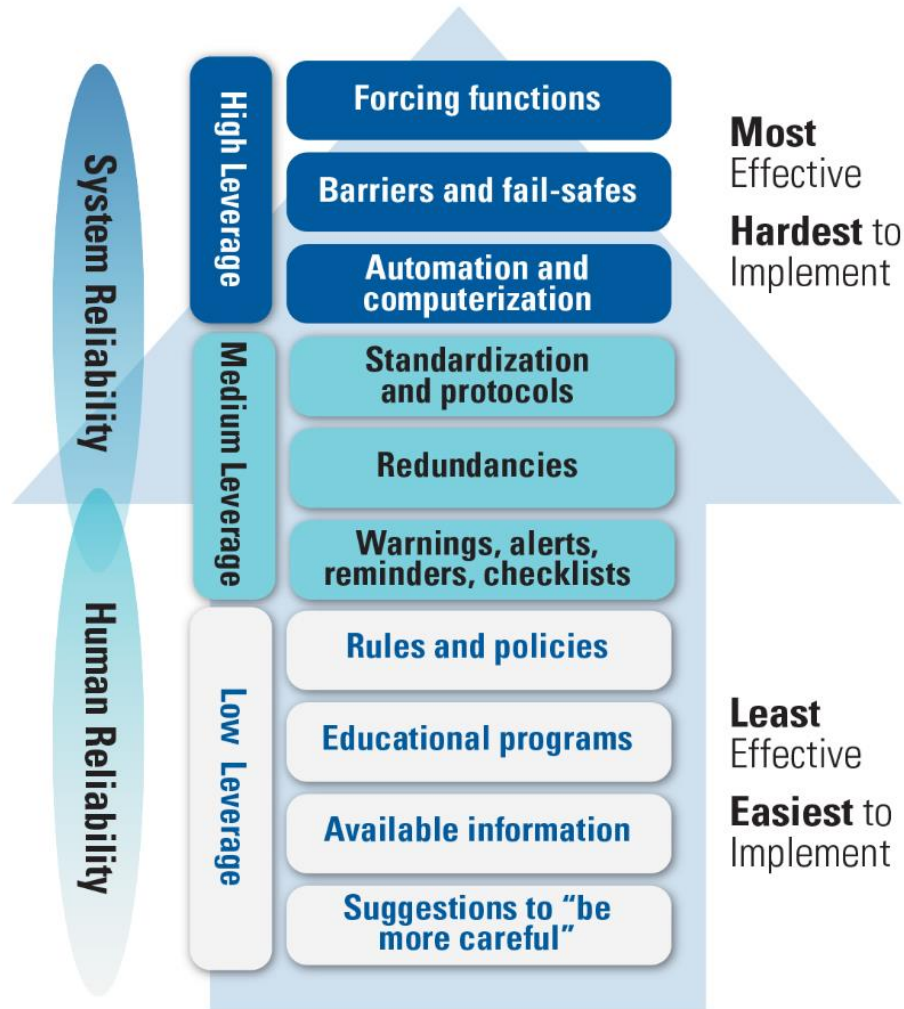


# Standardised Information – Local Implementation

Methotrexate 2.5 mg oral tablets | 123456

- Route of administration = Oral | 98765

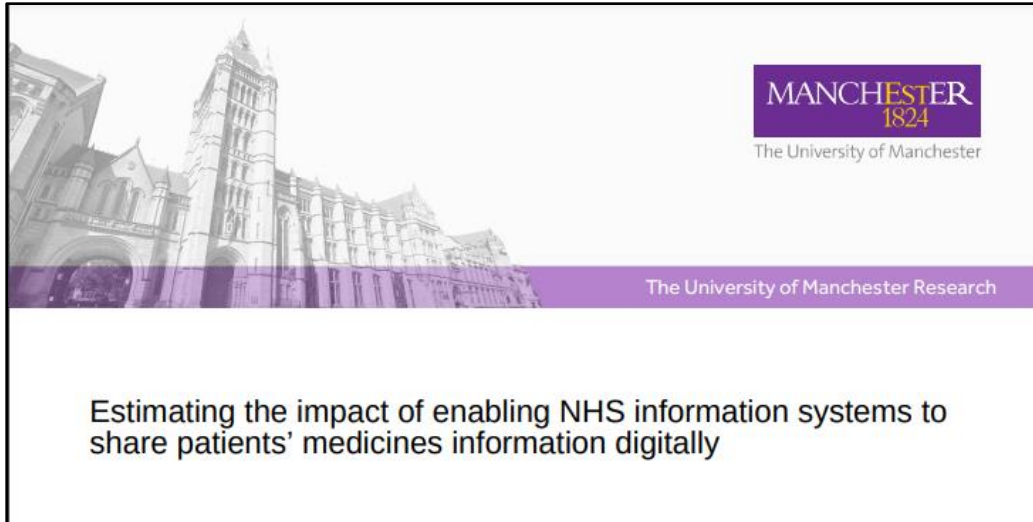
- Substance = Methotrexate | 546375



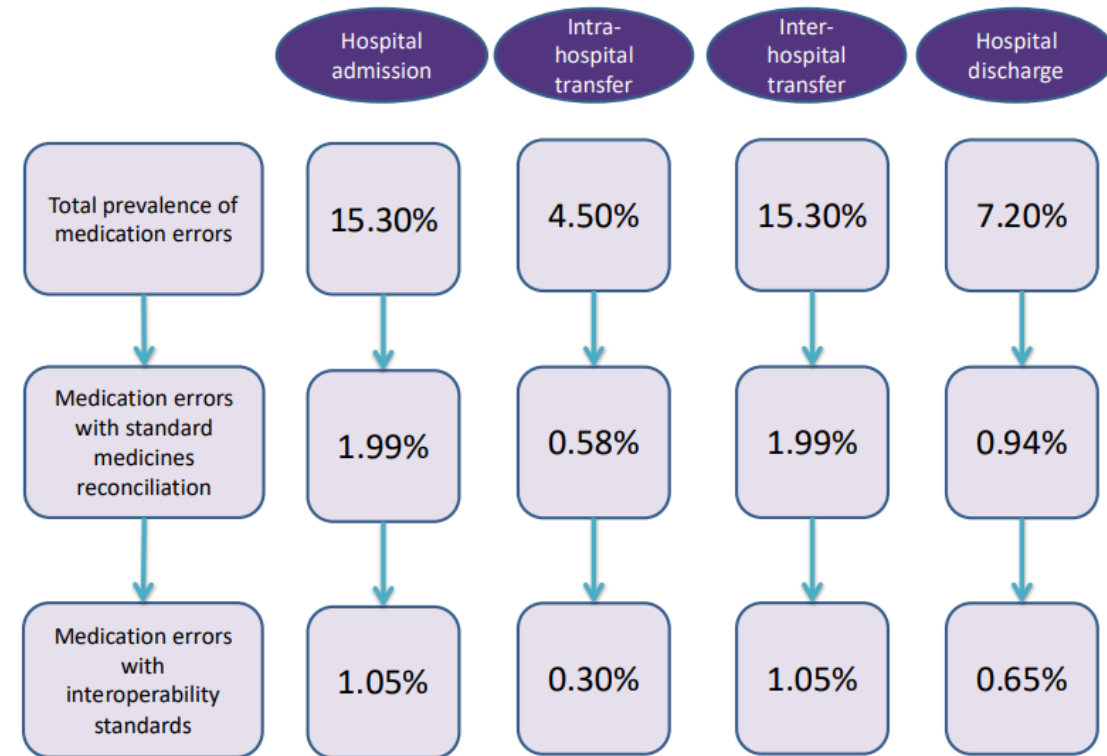




# Standardised Information – National Impact



- Reduction in transition medication errors
- Reduction in patient harm from transition medication errors
- Reduction in excess bed days due to harm, and associated costs
- Reduction in deaths due to harm





# National Medicinal Product Catalogue

- National medicines information standard for all healthcare settings
  - Common coding and descriptions
  - Common medicinal product information
- National service to support users to enable integrated medicines management.

Improved healthcare worker  
experience

Improved patient / user  
experience of healthcare



Improved Patient Safety

Improved use and re-use of  
healthcare data





# Standards in everyday practice



Community Pharmacy

Acute Hospitals

Private Healthcare

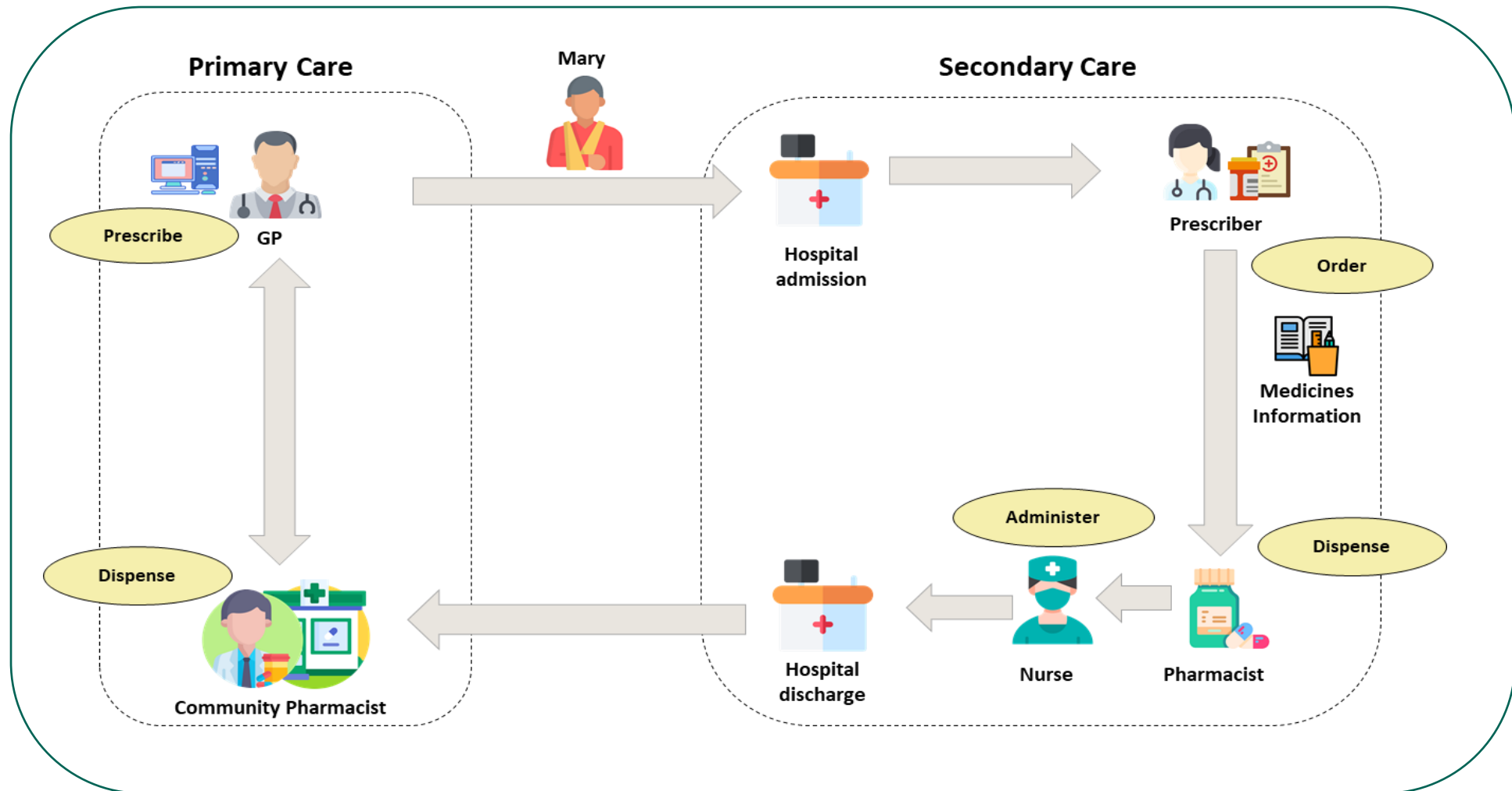
General Practice

Specialist Services

Residential Care



# NMPC – Information Transfer





# NMPC – Standardised Descriptions

**heparin** – 25,000u/50ml – infusion  
VOLUME 50ml – intravenous – over 12 hours –  
once only at 10:43  
Prescribed by A Jones, SHO, Gen. Med.  
Start 11-Mar-2010 10 Ph✓

started at 0-Mar-2010 14:12 **furosemide**  
DOSE 60 mg – oral – twice a day

started at 0-Mar-2010 14:08 **Cpl** 0.5% – eye drops  
DOSE 1 drop – ocular – right eye – four times a day

started at 0-Mar-2010 12:46 **erythromycin** – gastro-resistant  
DOSE 500 mg – oral – four times a day

	tenchior
	tenecteplase
OK ✓	tenif
	tenofovir
	tenoret
OK ✓	tenoretic
	tenormin
	tenoxicam
OK ✓	tensipine MR
	tensomex



# NMPC – Selecting Medicines on-screen

Aciclovir	Topical	Apply Three time daily
<i>Freetext</i>	<i>Freetext</i>	<i>Freetext</i>
Aciclovir	Topical	Apply Three time daily
<i>12345</i>	<i>Freetext</i>	<i>Freetext</i>
Aciclovir	Topical	Apply Three time daily
<i>12345</i>	<i>98765</i>	<i>Freetext</i>



Any product can be selected



Only products related to 'Aciclovir' displayed by default – *supports prevention of drug-drug error*



Only products related to 'Aciclovir' AND topical route displayed by default - *supports prevention of route errors*



# NMPC – Linking Medication Activities





# Open Consultation

We currently have an open consultation to provide feedback on set of information to be contained in the NMPC.

1. Please email [nmpc@hse.ie](mailto:nmpc@hse.ie) if you are interested in providing feedback.
2. Closing date Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024.





Thank You  
Q&A