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**Call for Expressions of Interest (Eoi) from Training Providers for
the Administration of Medicines Training Course**

Queries relating to this Eoi should be addressed to info@iiop.ie

Introduction

As a result of recent legislation, (Medicinal Products (Prescription and Control of Supply) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2015, (SI 449 of 2015)), pharmacists in Ireland were authorised to supply and administer certain prescription-only medicines in emergency situations, as well as providing additional vaccines, namely pneumococcal and herpes zoster (shingles) vaccines, subject to meeting all criteria.

Pharmacists, who wish to administer the specific vaccinations and emergency medicines, as listed in SI 449, must successfully complete appropriate course(s) of training in line with the training requirements laid down by the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (PSI – the Pharmacy Regulator) which:

- i. Are suitable for their particular learning needs and
- ii. Are approved by the Registrar of the PSI.

The Irish Institute of Pharmacy (IIOp) has been appointed by the PSI to arrange for the process of accreditation of courses of training for the pharmacy profession in Ireland that relate to SI 449. The *Administration of Medicines* training course is one such course of training.

About the IIOp

The IIOp has been established by the PSI to oversee the implementation of the new continuing professional development (CPD) system in Ireland. This includes the procurement and accreditation of CPD programmes which address national learning needs identified for the pharmacy profession. The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) has been awarded a four year contract by the PSI to manage the IIOp on its behalf.

Training Requirements

A course of training is required to be accredited by the IIOp in accordance with both the PSI's Generic Interim Accreditation Standards for Formal Programmes of Learning for Pharmacy in Ireland ('the Standards')* and the PSI's Programme Specification for the Administration of Medicines Training Course*. This course of training is the "Administration of Medicines" Training Course.

The format and content for this course of training is required to meet the PSI's Programme Specification (see Appendix 1) and to comply with 'the Standards' as approved by the Council of the PSI.

Furthermore the "Administration of Medicines" Training Course should be aligned with the learning objectives achieved by pharmacists undertaking courses of training in line with the PSI's Programme Specifications for "The Delivery of a Pharmacy-based Vaccination Service

Training”*, “Responding to an Emergency Situation, Including the Management of Anaphylaxis Course”* and training in CPR for both adults and children.

Expression of Interest

The IOP has issued a call for Expressions of Interest from training providers to submit applications for accreditation of an Administration of Medicines course of training.

Providers who wish to be included in the accreditation process are required to confirm this intent to the IOP in writing by no later than the **5th February 2016**.

This course forms part of the foundation modules for those pharmacists wishing to undergo further online training on specific vaccinations and emergency medicines administration. Therefore it’s delivery on a nationwide basis is essential to ensure course access for pharmacists who wish to provide these services. As a result, providers should indicate how the course would be readily accessible to pharmacists, in terms of timing and location, in their expression of interest.

Providers who express interest and have satisfied the IOP that the course will readily accessible to pharmacists (as outlined above) will then be supplied with Guidelines for Providers of Administration of Medicines Training Course and the relevant application form.

A completed application form for accreditation must then be submitted to the IOP for the course, together with the required supporting documentation, by the **11th March 2016**

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* see www.thepsi.ie for details of the relevant Accreditation Standards and Programme Specifications

**Appendix 1 – PSI Programme Specification for the Administration of
Medicines Training Course**



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Programme Specification for the Administration of Medicines Training Course

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Part One

Generic Interim Accreditation Standards

[The Generic Interim Accreditation Standards for Formal Programmes of Learning for Pharmacy in Ireland](#)¹ apply to educational programmes for the Administration of Medicines. The generic standards should be referred to when accrediting an education and training programme for the Administration of Medicines.

Part Two

Indicative Desired Programme Content and Deliverables

The aim of the training is to enable pharmacists to, competently and safely:

- administer parenteral medication(s) using the appropriate route(s) of administration to both adults and children in all formulation types
- reconstitute a vaccine/parenteral medication as appropriate

It is recommended that the learning outcomes be achieved through a blended learning format. This training course, coupled with training in CPR for both adults and children will form the foundation modules for those pharmacists wishing to undergo further online training on specific vaccinations and emergency medicines administration. The CPR course will cover adults and children and it will be possible for pharmacists to choose from a range of externally provided courses that have been approved by the IloP.

The following indicative learning objectives are a general guide for training providers to an appropriate scope of the curriculum content for this programme.

Principles of Drug Administration in both Adults and Children

- Demonstrate how to correctly administer different forms of injection(s), intramuscularly and subcutaneously
- Demonstrate reconstitution technique and administration using ampoules
- List the facilities and equipment needed in the pharmacy for the safe delivery of an injecting service
- Specify the recording procedure and documentation processes to be followed
- Explain the processes in place to correctly record all necessary information pertaining to the administration of the medication to the patient.
- Outline how to correctly administer a parenteral medication using technique learned
- Summarise the correct method of sharps disposal, and measures that are taken in the pharmacy to mitigate the risk of needle-stick injuries occurring.

¹ Revised version approved by the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland on 26 June 2012.

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The following regulators and professional bodies have been consulted:

- Royal Pharmaceutical Society
- General Pharmaceutical Council
- Alberta College of Pharmacists
- Alberta Pharmacists' Association
- Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand
- Pharmacy Council of New Zealand
- American Pharmacists' Association
- College of Pharmacists of British Columbia
- Canadian Council for Continuing Education in Pharmacy
- Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education
- Pharmaceutical Society of Australia
- Pharmacy Board of Australia
- Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland
- National Association of Pharmacy Board