

Pharmacists to be Awarded Continuous Professional Development Credit (CPD) Points for Participating in Patient Safety

The Pharmacy Council has from January 2018 began the award of CPD Points to Pharmacists who participate in the Patients Engagement in Medicines Safety Programme by submitting safety reports of health products to the Food and Drugs Authority (FDA).

The Patients Engagement in Medicines Safety Programme was launched by the FDA in June 2016 with the objective to enable patients to report safety issues of their medicines and other health products through Community Pharmacies designated as Patient Safety Centres to the FDA. The objective of this programme is to improve adverse reaction reporting rate and increase the chances of signal generation.

A Patient Safety Centre is a Community Pharmacy where the Pharmacist has received the basic training on patient safety provided by the FDA and designated as a point of call where patients could receive minimum information on medicine safety. The Patient Safety Centre will also serve as a centre where patients will receive the BlueForm[®] for completion of side effects experienced. The Patient Safety Centre then forwards the collated completed forms to the FDA.

Pharmacists who submit safety issues of medicines and other health products will take an online test with 10 multiple choice questions to be eligible for 2 CPD Credit Points.

The FDA will submit the names and details of deserving pharmacist to the Pharmacy Council for the credits to be assigned.

The four steps to earn the CPD point are as below:

