DOSE RANGE CHECKING (DRC) IN PAEDIATRIC ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING: AN EFFECTIVE TOOL IN REDUCING PRESCRIBING ERRORS?

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Method A retrospective clinical audit was undertaken to investigate the DRC alerts produced during July and August 2020. The DRC alert subtypes and the top 10 drugs that produced alerts were described. Alerts generated due to a ‘missing value’ (height, weight, or dose unit) were counted but not analysed further. Dose-based alerts were clinically screened to ascertain whether they were appropriately or inappropriately overridden.

In 2016, NICE published a guideline on ‘End of life care for infants, children and young people with life-limiting conditions: planning and management’. These guidelines recommended that pharmacists should be embedded in every paediatric palliative care team.

Aim To identify the roles of pharmacy teams in paediatric palliative care (PP) and compare these with the recommendations of the NICE guideline.

Method This was a repeat of the study conducted in 2014 by Khan et al. A SurveyMonkey link was emailed to members of the APPM (Association for Paediatric Palliative Medicine) and NPPG (Neonatal and Paediatric Pharmacists Group).