

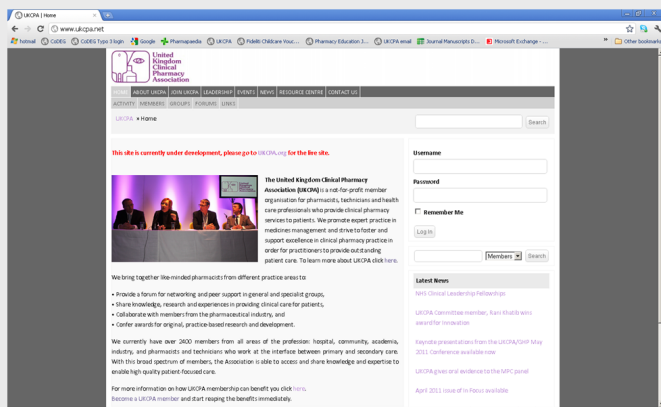
In Focus

United Kingdom
Clinical Pharmacy
Association

UKCPA to launch new website

We are delighted to announce that we will be launching our new website on **1 September 2011**.

You should have received an email or notification from the General Discussion Board giving you all the information you'll need to login and start using the site.



We have an updated Resource Centre holding UKCPA policies, presentations and back issues of In Practice and In Focus. We will also have up to date information on our business plans and governance, and details of our Committees and Groups and their members.

And, as with the current site, you'll be able to join the Groups in order to post messages and queries and share valuable experiences and knowledge. You will also be able to choose how often you get notified of updates via email.

We hope there will be a smooth transition, but of course there may be issues that we cannot predict. Please bear with us if this is the case.

Congratulations to our Napp award winners!

Ali Harris from Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust, and **Anna Murphy** from University Hospitals of Leicester, have been awarded the Napp Pain and Napp Asthma awards respectively. Ali's winning entry on a survey of patient satisfaction of a pharmacist-delivered headache service was particularly commended by the judging panel as *"an interesting potential new role for pharmacists [in] an area that is not often talked about despite the high incidence of sufferers. It demonstrates an innovative service approach that could be generalized to other specialist areas, not just pain management, and is also a good example of developing sustainable practice."*

Anna impressed the judges with her paper on the relationship between clinical outcomes and medication adherence in difficult-to-control asthma with its *"clear and appropriate methodology"* and results which were *"explained well and are interesting and easy to understand."*

Both winners will be presenting their work at the [Pain Management and Respiratory Groups Joint Masterclass](#) in Leeds on 8 September 2011, and will be presented with their awards at the UKCPA Autumn Residential Symposium in November 2011.

For more forthcoming awards see the [UKCPA website](#).

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"The UKCPA promotes expert practice in medicines management for the benefit of patients, the public and members by establishing standards, workforce development and advancing innovation in all health care settings.

The UKCPA encourages Excellence, Leadership and Partnership"

UKCPA invites nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award 2011

We are proud to invite nominations for the **UKCPA Lifetime Achievement Award 2011**. This prestigious award, now in its fourth year, aims to recognise outstanding contributions to clinical pharmacy practice.

The adjudication panel will be particularly keen to reward long term achievements in developing and promoting clinical pharmacy, innovation, research and development, publication and

dissemination of good practice, and peer recognition.

All nominations should be submitted to the UKCPA office for consideration by 30 September 2011.

For more details, including previous winners and the nomination process please see the [UKCPA website](#).

Rani Khatib and his team scoop award for innovation and excellence

Only a few days left to apply for the UKCPA/Bayer Schering Pharma HAT Award 2011...

All submissions are welcome for work which supports service improvement in the area of haemostasis, anticoagulation or thrombosis.

Have you done something to support the NPSA agenda on anticoagulants? How is your team responding to the inclusion of thromboprophylaxis in the NHS operating framework for 2011? Have you done something unique to support patients in understanding their medicines in the high risk area of anticoagulation? If so we would like to hear from you!

It's not difficult to apply - simply send us no more than 1000 words about your completed project plus a short covering letter and you'll be in with a chance of being awarded a **£1500** bursary. Why not give it a go?

The deadline is 1 September 2011. See the [UKCPA website](#) for [more details on how to apply](#).



Rani Khatib and his team have recently won the **Hilda Knowles Award for Innovation & Excellence in the Care for Adult Patients**.

Rani worked with Cardiology staff to develop a "GTN Advice Card" to be given to all patients in cardiology who use Glyceryl trinitrate (GTN). This came after 50 patients were assessed to see if they use their GTN correctly.

The card was developed in collaboration with coronary heart disease patients and contained the most essential and practical information that they need when they want to use their GTN. All patients in cardiology who are on GTN spray or tablets will now receive a card.

The Award was presented at the Nursing and Midwifery Conference held in Leeds and the judges were particularly impressed with the work undertaken. Rani is seen here accepting the award from Hilda Knowles's son, with Chanele Keenan, Senior Cardiac Rehabilitation Nurse Team Leader.

Forthcoming awards:

Pfizer Patient Safety Award

Closing date 27 Jan 2012

sanofi aventis Diabetes Award

Closing date 27 Jan 2012

[See website for more details](#)

Confidence in your practice comes with continuous learning

Join experts and colleagues at our Masterclasses and webinars

7 September 2011, 7-8pm

Webinar: **Portfolio building**

FREE

For more information on Masterclasses visit the UKCPA website www.ukcpa.org

8 September 2011

Pain & Respiratory Groups Masterclass: Palliative Care

Members £60, Non Members £135

[Register for UKCPA webinars FREE here.](#)

13 September 2011

Cardiology Group Masterclass: Introduction to Cardiology

Members £60, Non Members £135

We are currently planning the next series of webinars on the following topics:

- * Swine flu
- * Cost effective clinical pharmacy
- * Asthma
- * Multiple Sclerosis

23 September 2011

Critical Care Group Masterclass: Advanced Practitioner Meeting

Members £125, Non Members £195

If you have any requests or ideas for webinar or Masterclass topics, conference worksessions or plenary talks please do let us know.

28 September 2011

Care of the Elderly Group Masterclass: Management of Parkinson's Disease and Dealing with Dysphagia

Members £125, Non Members £195

Email Marie Matthews at mmatthews@ukcpa.com

What previous delegates have said:

"I've had a really informative day and feel inspired to go back to my department and make a difference"

"I would strongly recommend to others"

"An invaluable way of keeping up to date in the company of leading practitioners"

"Very interesting and helpful talks by enthusiastic speakers who are quite clearly experts in their field"

Join us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to get up-to-date information on events, activities, news and developments at UKCPA. Introduce friends and colleagues and take a look at photos from our conferences and Masterclasses.

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Your views

Earlier this year we asked for your views on our conferences and on our awards. Thank you to all who responded. A full report will be in the next issue of *In Practice*, but here is a brief overview.

Your views on...Conferences

Your responses tell us that costs and lack of time are preventing you from attending our conferences. We understand that the ability to take time away from work to attend learning events is getting more difficult. Our conferences are held over a weekend to avoid the need for our members to take annual leave or study leave. However, we understand that time at home and with family is also precious.

We are currently investigating ways to offer some benefits of the conferences to those who are unable to be there in person, such as recording the keynote talks and making them available to view on the internet - [see here](#). We have also been running [free webinars with the Royal Pharmaceutical Society](#) which have proved to be a popular way to offer bite-sized learning opportunities at your convenience (see right).

Since 47% of survey respondents said that they would be happy to organise their own accommodation we will be considering a non-residential conference in the future. In addition, we always offer 'day delegate' rates which do not include hotel accommodation so that you are free to find something within your own budget, or if you only wish to attend for one day.

Your views on...Awards

Thank you for your views on the awards that UKCPA offers to its members. We will be organising a Task & Finish Group to discuss ways in which we can:

- * Improve communication of available awards to members

- * Encourage more award entries
- * Counteract perceptions that applying for awards is difficult and unattainable
- * Encourage higher quality of award entries
- * Consider developing non-specific awards

If you would like to be part of this group, which will make its recommendations to the UKCPA General Committee, please contact Marie Matthews at mmatthews@ukcpa.com.

Your views on...The UKCPA logo

We had a fantastic response to our competition to design a new logo for UKCPA. Our panel of judges is currently deliberating over the shortlist as if it were the Turner Prize. We will be announcing the results at our Autumn Symposium in November 2011.



Have your say on...webinars

Our webinars, run jointly with the RPS, have proved to be a great success. The first, delivered by the Care of the Elderly Group, attracted over 80 registrations, and the session on cystic fibrosis, run by the Respiratory Group, welcomed over 60 registrations. We have another planned for 7 September 2011 on Portfolio Building.

We are currently planning our next series so **if there is an area that you would like us to cover please get in touch.**

Email general.secretary@ukcpa.com with your ideas.

Join us at our Autumn Symposium in November this year and leave inspired

UKCPA Autumn Residential Symposium

18 – 20 November 2011

This year our popular Autumn Residential Symposium is being held in the [Barcelo Hinckley Island Hotel in Leicestershire](#).

We have lots to offer you, including:

Plenary sessions on QIPP, prescribing errors, antimicrobial stewardship and professional recognition of advanced practice.

Worksessions including: neuroimmunological disorders, renal pharmacy, respiratory medicine, surgery and women's health, cardiology, care of the elderly, pre-reg top tips, and leadership development.

Medical exhibition: an opportunity to find out what's happening in industry and what is new on the market, as well as talking to your industry colleagues about what is needed in practice.

Fringe meetings: Value based pricing in the new NHS: Principles and practice (supported by Napp Pharmaceuticals); MEE/MPC update and future look; Developments in Infection Management 2012.

Social programme: A mix of informal lunches and suppers, plus the fantastic black tie dinner event on Saturday evening with award presentations and disco.

Worried about getting study leave?

We have developed a letter that you can use to support your proposed attendance to the conference, in addition to your study leave form. You can [download this letter in Word](#), complete it and forward to your Chief Pharmacist/Training Manager and encourage them to say "Yes, Go!"

Worried about costs?

You can choose the full accommodation included in the registration fee in order to take advantage of staying at the conference hotel and networking with your colleagues. But we also offer day delegate rates if you would prefer to organise your own accommodation at a lower price.

Also available to download:

[Delegate information booklet](#) - all the information you need on the full conference programme, fees, accommodation and how to register.

[Reservation form](#) - register your attendance and choose work sessions and fringe meeting options.

See the [UKCPA website](#) for more details

Don't forget to take a look at our May Joint Conference keynote talks [here](#)

"I was inspired to go back to my base hospital and take services forward"

"Very relevant and applied, very clinically orientated"

"A very relaxed and friendly weekend with plenty of stuff to get involved in. Each year gets better"

"Continues to be the UK leading clinical practice conference"

in focus



Gastro/Hepatology Masterclass



Surgery & Theatres Masterclass



UKCPA Masterclasses June 2011



Infection Management Masterclass

See more photos of Masterclasses and Conferences on our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) page [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)



What's new on the web?



A new app for smartphones and tablets designed by the Scottish NHS has become one of the most popular free medical apps available for download.

The app allows a quick way of accessing the [Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network \(SIGN\)](#). Originally intended for health professionals, it has also become a surprise hit amongst the public who want to know more about the care they should expect for a wide range of health conditions. It was downloaded more than 8000 times in the three months since its launch.

[The app is available to download here.](#)

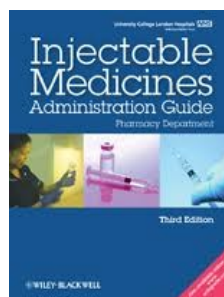
The full story can be read on the [BBC website](#).

 A new version of the [Medicines Information Computer Aided Learning Package \(MiCAL\)](#) is now available. The package has undergone a significant refresh and delivers training that helps junior pharmacists gain vital skills gathering information from patients and using the evidence-base judiciously.

In particular the package offers:

- * interactive content that helps users think about asking the right questions for given medicines related problems;
- * interactive example medicines information enquiries that include pre- and post-completion MCQ assessments; and
- * taught content on literature searching and appraisal using the NHS Evidence platform.

The package is entirely web-based. For further details see [here](#) or contact b.rehman@nhs.net.



The University College London Hospitals [Injectable Medicines Administration Guide](#) (3rd edition) has been converted into an app. This is the first app to provide preparatory and administration information

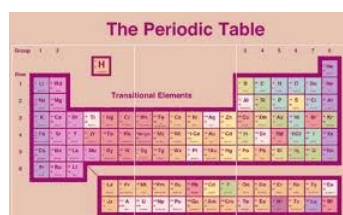
for injectables. The app can be used by organisations such as hospitals and GP practices and deployed to an employee's personal device, can be put on devices used on wards, or individuals can buy it for personal use. The app is especially aimed at pharmacists and nurses but will be of interest to any health professional or student requiring information about injectable medicines.



[Love statistics? Love innovative ways of displaying public health data?](#)

Then you'll love this 4 minute clip of

“superstar boffin” Professor Hans Rosling demonstrating the incredible changes in life expectancy the world has undergone in the last 200 years. [Click here to view.](#)



Need a refresher on your periodic table? Try this [song from the legendary Tom Lehrer](#) to help you

remember your elements.

What are your favourite apps and web clips? Why not share them with other UKCPA members?

Email general.secretary@ukcpa.com and we will include them in our next edition of In Focus.