E-learning modules

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Alcohol and drug awareness

It is estimated that 24% of adults in England drink a hazardous or harmful amount of alcohol, and studies show that the United Kingdom has among the highest rates of recorded illegal drug misuse in the western world. This module is designed to help practice nurses identify and manage patients with alcohol and drug problems. Link: http://learning.bmj.com/learning/module-intro/managing-alcohol-and-drug-misuse-in-primary-care---a-guide-for-practice-nurses-.html?locale=en_GB&moduleId=10050427

Medications used in mental illness

Many patients looked after in primary care will be prescribed medication for mental health problems. This module includes antipsychotic, antidepressant and mood stabilising medication. Practice nurses will learn about the mode of action, observing for side effects and helping patients to adhere to treatment. Part 1 - http://learning.bmj.com/learning/module-intro/.html?moduleId=10050771 Part 2 -   http://learning.bmj.com/learning/module-intro/.html?moduleId=10050783

Your patient's journey

Primary care may only be a small part of the patient's journey in regard to a particular condition or illness. This module explains how care is commissioned in order to help nurses understand how this affects patients. It is hoped that they will be better able to refer or signpost to the appropriate agencies and be able to identify gaps in the care pathway. http://learning.bmj.com/learning/module-intro/.html?moduleId=10051204

Care planning

People with long-term conditions should have a plan of care to help them self-manage. This module looks at the different approaches and designs of care plans in order that they can assist patients. http://learning.bmj.com/learning/module-intro/.html?moduleId=10051489&locale=en_GB

Specific conditions

This module gives a brief overview of some common mental health conditions that practice nurses might meet in primary care. It is hoped that the practice nurses will then have a better understanding of how these patients are affected in their day to day life. http://learning.bmj.com/learning/module-intro/.html?moduleId=10051835