

# Varenicline Patient Group Direction (PGD) training

Supply and administration of Varenicline for smoking cessation in combination with motivational support – registered community pharmacist training and competency.

Stage	Requirements or registered community pharmacists working under the Patient Group Direction (PGD)
Qualifications and professional registration	Registered pharmacist
Initial training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Before offering the service, all pharmacists providing treatment under the <a href="#">Varenicline (Champix) PGD</a> must complete the <a href="#">National Centre for Smoking Cessation and Training</a> (NCSCT) training and assessment online through which a certificate will be provided for your records or CPD</li><li>• Read and complete the community pharmacy <a href="#">Varenicline workbook 2016-18</a> and <a href="#">Varenicline workbook questions</a></li><li>• Attend available local training on smoking cessation.</li></ul>
Competency assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Read the Dorset CCG Medicines Management Team document <a href="#">In Focus – Varenicline June 2013</a></li><li>• Complete the varenicline training workbook and online questionnaire and declaration</li><li>• Able to demonstrate competency in line with the NICE Good Practice Guidance: <a href="#">Competency Framework for Using Patient Group Directions PGDs</a></li></ul>
Ongoing training and competency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attendance at local update training on smoking cessation every 2 years</li><li>• The pharmacy must have a copy of the current British National Formulary (BNF) available for reference and be familiar with the information in the BNF about the use of Varenicline</li></ul>
Lines of accountability	A registered pharmacist is accountable for his or her actions in accordance with the General Pharmaceutical Council. All registered pharmacists are personally accountable for their practice and in the exercise of professional accountability there is a requirement to maintain and improve their professional knowledge and competence. The PGD may only be used

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within the confines of the service specification by pharmacists and pharmacies contracted by Public Health Dorset.

Characteristics of pharmacists **making repeat supplies** of varenicline

Ideally the pharmacist who is trained in smoking cessation and makes the initial decision to supply varenicline will be involved in supporting the patient and making repeat supplies. However if that pharmacist is absent from the pharmacy on the day that the patient requires a repeat supply, the supply may be made by the pharmacist on duty. This is based on the principle that the PGD allows for 12 weeks supply and the initiating pharmacist has authorised that quantity to be supplied in 2 week quantities