

Pharmacy Technician CVD Academy 2025

Daiichi Sankyo Ltd has provided funding for this educational activity, however PCPA has retained full editorial control including formulation of the agenda, contents and selection of speakers.

The Pharmacy Technician CVD Academy is free.

Aim:

To increase confidence and expand the scope of practice for pharmacy technicians in the management of cardiovascular disease (CVD), improving patient care through activities such as case finding and appropriate interventions. The course will also assess its impact at the organisational level.

Criteria for Recruitment:

- **Employment Requirements:** Applicants must be employed directly by a PCN, Health Board, Federation, or GP Practice.
- **Experience & Qualifications:** Ideal candidates will have completed the CPPE pathway or similar further education and have experience in audits and Quality Improvement Projects (QIPs).
- **Work Experience:** A minimum of 2 years in General Practice.
- **Manager Approval:** Applicants must have permission from their line manager.
- **Learning Contract:** A signed learning contract is required.

Pharmacy Technician CVD Academy Timeline:

- **Launch Date:** 2nd December 2024
- **Recruitment Period:** December 2024 to January 2025
- **Closing Date for Applications:** 27th January 2025
- **Selections Announced:** 10th February 2025
- **Induction Evening:** 8 – 9pm 19th February 2025

Course Delivery:

The course will consist of 3 core modules, each delivered through two 90-minute evening webinars. Additional work will include pre-course revision, assignments, and a bonus module focused on optimising GP systems for CVD management.

1. Module 1: Hypertension

- **Dates:** 8-9.30pm 1st April & 8th April 2025
- **Module Leads:** Helen Williams & Abbie Stirling
- **Content:** Overview and management of hypertension, the role of pharmacy technicians in patient care, and increasing scope of practice.

2. **Module 2: Atrial Fibrillation**

- **Dates:** 8 – 9.30pm 14th May & 28th May 2025
- **Module Leads:** Helen Williams & Jenani Umasuthan
- **Content:** Understanding atrial fibrillation, the role of pharmacy technicians, and practical interventions for patient care.

3. **Module 3: Lipids**

- **Dates:** 8-9.30pm 17th June & 24th June 2025 (TBC)
- **Module Leads:** Helen Williams & Abbie Stirling
- **Content:** Lipid management, the role of pharmacy technicians in patient education, and ensuring optimal treatment outcomes.

4. **Bonus Module: Maximising Your GP System for Managing CVD Patients**

- **Content:** This additional module will focus on how pharmacy technicians can leverage GP systems to optimize cardiovascular disease management and improve patient care.

Additional Deadlines & Events:

- **Audit Submission Deadline:** 1st April 2025
- **QIP Submission Deadline:** 14th July 2025
- **Celebration Evening:** 3rd September 2025

Key Features of the Course:

- **Focused Learning:** In-depth sessions on hypertension, atrial fibrillation, and lipids with a clear focus on increasing the role of pharmacy technicians.
- **Practical Application:** The program integrates real-world applications, such as case finding, monitoring, repeat prescribing, and patient education, enhancing the technician's role in patient care.
- **Interactive Webinars:** Two 90-minute webinars per module allow for active learning and interaction with module leads and peers.
- **Organisational Impact:** Data will be collected to demonstrate the program's impact on both individual practice and organisational patient care.

Pharmacy Technician CVD Academy Course Goals:

- Increase confidence in managing CVD medications and patient interactions.
- Expand the scope of practice for pharmacy technicians within the CVD landscape.
- Improve patient outcomes by integrating case finding and appropriate interventions.
- Evaluate the programme's impact at the organisational level to highlight improvements in patient care.