



Medicines Mechanisms Email Network

Statement:

RCOT has been providing guidance and advice to members for many years on the role of medicines within practice, and developed a variety of member [resources](#). RCOT continues to promote the use of medicine mechanisms in all levels of practice, using patient specific direction or [patient group directions](#).

With an increasing number of members training and working at advanced levels of practice over the last few years, it has become clear that the inability to prescribe is presenting barriers to service delivery, patient care and to progression of occupational therapists' careers.

The College is committed to developing a case of need for increased responsibilities regarding medicines mechanisms for occupational therapists at advancing levels of practice. Given the wide range of areas in which occupational therapists work, the Royal College believes that there are many areas where increased medicines responsibilities will facilitate the delivery of a more personalised approach to care.

Medicines Mechanisms network purpose:

The aim of the network is to update group members with relevant information, news and events related to RCOT's work in this area. As part of this group you will be invited to support the case for increasing and extending occupational therapists use of medicines mechanisms. Occupational therapists will be invited to contribute by sharing case studies and providing feedback on consultations and documentation.

Members can be added to the network list if they are:

- An RCOT member
- Wanting to find out more about the work of the college and potential future role in non-medical prescribing
- Aspiring, training, or working at advanced levels of practice
- With an interest and view out about what extending medicines mechanisms responsibilities would mean for occupational therapists

In line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) names and email addresses are not shared.

Please be aware that, as with the other networks, the Medicines Mechanisms network has certain ground rules. These are:

- Everyone's email address and other contact details will not be shared without a person's consent.
- If someone wishes to share information or raise a question to the group, please send your request to Yailin.acosta@rcot.co.uk.
- If you change your email address, please contact Yailin.acosta@rcot.co.uk with your new details as soon as possible.
- Members can remove their name from the group at any time by contacting Yailin.acosta@rcot.co.uk

Thank you for participating in this network. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Yailin.acosta@rcot.co.uk