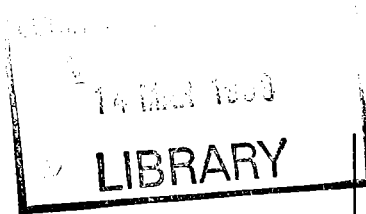




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EMERGENCY DENTAL DRUGS

Summary

1. The attached report is issued for the attention of all General Dental Practitioners, (Community and Hospital Services), in the NHSiS.
2. The report addresses concerns expressed by the profession regarding drugs held for use in the event of a medical emergency.
3. The report identifies drugs and equipment which should be available for the emergency care of patients, and the type and extent of resuscitation training required for the dental team. It also identifies the minimum basic training requirements for those acting as anaesthetists and the minimum continuing education required for professionals undertaking these procedures.
3. The guidance contained in the report is in line with recent reviews of practice on general anaesthesia undertaken by the General Dental Council and the Royal College of Anaesthetists.

Action

4. Health Boards and Trusts are to ensure that the report is circulated to all hospital and community-based practitioners in their area and that it is put into practice with immediate effect. General Dental Practitioners are also to note and implement the guidance with immediate effect. Deans are asked to circulate copies to all students.

Yours sincerely

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