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The specialist area of Ophthalmology is at the cutting edge of new technology, procedures and developments in practice. This highly informative day will appeal to nurses clinicians, managers and academics who work or have an interest in this area. Talks are delivered by practitioners from around the UK and are designed to offer evidence base, tools, data along with experience and ideas for attendees to take back and develop for their own place of work.

09:00 REGISTRATION

09:30 CHAIR OPEN

Tracy Luckett, *Acting Director of Nursing, Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*

09:45 Improving Standards: from in-house teaching to accredited learning programme

- Using evidence to create standards for ophthalmic nursing practice
- Quality assuring practice by developing practice development portfolio informed by standards of care
- Creating an accredited learning programme to support knowledge, understanding and competence of ophthalmic nurses

Lynn Ring, *Advanced Clinical Nurse Specialist, Ophthalmology, Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust*

10:25 Improving patient care by assessing the competence of ophthalmic nurses

- Competence of trained Ophthalmic nurses has always been a high priority for my practice
- Competence of trained nurses is rarely formally assessed once the nurse has been deemed competent
- This talk will demonstrate the strategies that have been implemented to ensure nurses are regularly competency assessed to ensure a high standard of care is delivered throughout the Trust

Helen Gibbons, *Research Practitioner, City University London & Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*

11:05 COFFEE

11:30 Developing glaucoma shared care. Integrating new service models within specialist centres, community and mobile clinic settings.

- Outline of Shared Care Glaucoma Services across Devon.
- Glaucoma Patient Pathways – from referral, assessment, management, ongoing monitoring and support
- Demands on service and responses to these demands.
- Development of a Practitioner led Mobile Eye Clinic, process, challenges, and outcomes.

Jane Kingett, *Lead Glaucoma Practitioner, West of England Eye Unit, Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust*

12:10 Developing a nurse led clinic and intravitreal injection service for wet age-related macular degeneration

- Presentation of the ideas and experiences of developing a nurse led intravitreal injection service, as a new professional development for nurse practitioners and as a means of coping with an expanding service demand.
- Key areas of consideration Governance, support, training and audit.
- Results of three year audit of service

Brian Kingett, *Ophthalmic Specialist Nurse, West of England Eye Unit, Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust*

12:50 LUNCH

13:45 The role of the Emergency Nurse Practitioner in an ophthalmic setting

- Overview of the role of the Ophthalmic Nurse Practitioner
- Skills and competencies
- Ethical and governance issues
- Future developments

Tendai Gwenhure, *Emergency Nurse Practitioner, Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*

14:25 To prescribe or not to prescribe? That is the dilemma...

- Patient Group Directions – uses and benefits
- Non medical prescribing training and benefits
- Prescribing dilemmas in Ophthalmology
- Pitfalls to avoid

Julie Tillotson, *Nurse Consultant, Ophthalmology, Bournemouth Eye Unit, The Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*

15:05 Working together works

- How well does your team work together?
- What do you need to do to help team members work more effectively together?
- Action planning for success

Alison Wells, *Independent Consultant, Smart Work Consulting*

15:45 CHAIR & Evaluation

16:00 Conclusion