



Patient Safety in Context

- Patient safety is a worldwide priority and research to support the area has increased in recent times.
- Within the GP training environment, there may be potential threats to performance, wellbeing and safety.
- NHS Education for Scotland worked with GP supervisors, practice managers and trainees to develop and validate a checking process for safety critical topics during early GP Specialty Training.

Compliance Checklists in Healthcare

- The use of procedural checklists could compensate and mitigate any potential errors and support more reliable performance (1,2).
- Compliance checklists are common for preventing error and have been widely used in fields such as commercial aviation and petro-chemical industries.
- Whilst the use of checklists is now common in surgery (3) and anaesthesia (4), they are increasingly being used in other areas, such as on the ward, intensive care and other medical procedures (4,5).



The Safety Checklist for GP Educational Supervisors

- The Safety Checklist for early GP Specialty Training (6) was developed to assist Supervisors in the delivery of safety-critical educational issues in the first 12-week period of training.
- 14 safety-critical domains and 47 related areas are presented as essential components of training.
- Domains include: prescribing safely; patient referrals; effective and safe communication; and dealing with child protection issues.
- The checklist can be used during induction, and as supporting evidence (for deanery and accreditation visits) of core educational and training.
- Adherence to the checklist could help ensure that safety critical topics are addressed and adequately covered during the initial training period.



Adaptation of the Safety Checklist as a Self-Assessment Tool

- The checklist has been adapted into a self-assessment tool for use by GP trainees.
- It can help guide patient safety-related learning needs and future progress.



Use the Safety Checklist for Early GP Specialty Training

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