Genomics education for the pharmacy workforce

Secondary care pharmacy technician persona

This tipsheet provides an overview of what pharmacy technicians working in secondary care roles consider day to day regarding the use of genomics in their role; this presents the top three areas in each of the categories. It introduces general themes that may be important to deliver genomics-informed medicines optimisation to patients.

This resource may not reflect the feelings or experience of all colleagues but has been produced to stimulate further conversation and thought.

What do I do?

- Medication counselling
- Procurement of medicines and management of stock shortages
- Receipt of prescriptions into pharmacy

Why do I do it?

- Adherence to GPhC and regulatory standards (e.g. MHRA, GMP, GDP) and ongoing CPD
- Responding to patient needs delivering good patient care
- Safe and most effective use of medicines

What do I want?

- Accessible content in terms of design and readability (meets standards)
- Blended learning methods F2F, elearning, peer to peer. Diverse digital literacy in profession
- Material provided in different forms to read, watch and listen

What's stopping me?

- No direct source of knowledge
- Perceived complexity
- Unsure if applicable to pharmacy technician role. Why me? Does not impact me?

What convinces me?

- Desire to develop in role and personal professional development
- Feeling confident and competent
- Patient safety and patient outcomes

What/Who informs me?

- Education and training sessions
- Leaders in the healthcare profession including pharmacists/GPs/ consultants/nurses
- Regulatory bodies