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- Many patients are not able to take tablets or capsules.
- Tablet manipulation is a widespread practice and could result in negative clinical outcomes.
- Changing the state of a medicine can be dangerous and has legal implications for all healthcare professionals
- Identifying patients with swallowing difficulties, for whom liquid medication is appropriate, is a positive step to improving compliance and clinical outcomes.
- Ask your patients today if they are having difficulty with swallowing their medication whole.

Useful Resources

Human Rights Act 1998:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/42/contents>

The Equality Act 2010:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/contents>

The Human Medicines Regulations 2012:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1916/contents/made>

The Consumer Protection Act 1987:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1987/43>

NMC Position statement on Covert Administration of Medicines 2006:

<http://www.nmc-uk.org/Nurses-and-midwives/Advice-by-topic/A/Advice/Covert-administration-of-medicines/>

NMC Standards for Medicines Management 2007:

<http://www.nmc-uk.org/Documents/Standards/nmcStandardsForMedicinesManagementBooklet.pdf>

NMC Code of Conduct 2008:

http://www.nmc-uk.org/Documents/Standards/nmcTheCodeStandardsOfConductPerformanceAndEthicsForNursesAndMidwives_LargePrintVersion.PDF

Pharmacists' Defence Association:

http://www.the-pda.org/newsviews/nv_topical_news1.html?id=2831&PHPSESSID=59e31cad4e06e6375db311b9f5d44c5

Health and Social Care Act 2012:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2012/7/contents>

National Pharmacy Association Insurance:

<http://www.npa.co.uk/insurance>

Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2007/19/contents>

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Swallowing Difficulties, Medicines Administration & the Law

10 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD NOT MODIFY MEDICATION

1 Medicine management is a regulated activity under the Care Quality Commission which imposes essential standards for quality and safety of health services. Care providers have a duty to ensure medicines provided are appropriate and person centred.

Health and Social Care Act 2012

2 Patients should be able to expect to be treated with dignity and have the right to carry out their lives without hindrance

The Human Rights Act 1998

3 People with a disability have the same rights of access to a service. This includes patients with a long term swallowing difficulty. Failure to make provision to support these patients is a breach of the law

The Equality Act 2010

4 Altering a licensed medicine by crushing, suspending or dissolving a tablet or opening a capsule, results in the medicine becoming unlicensed. You may become liable for any harm caused as a result of your actions.

The Human Medicines Regulations 2012

- Verbal communication from the Prescriber asking you to do this may not remove you from this legal liability
- Strict liability is removed and liability moves from the manufacturer to YOU.

Consumer Protection Act 1987

5 “Elderly patients must be treated with dignity and respect. They should not be forced to take medication against their will. If they have swallowing difficulties the most suitable preparation of the drug should be used – usually in the liquid form if available. If a person has difficulties, they, a carer, or a nurse should contact the prescribing doctor usually the GP.”

Royal College of General Practitioners, 2001

6 Nurses should not crush tablets or open capsules unless they are specifically designed to be used this way.

“The mechanics of crushing medicines may alter their therapeutic properties rendering them ineffective and are not covered by their product licence. Medicinal products should not routinely be crushed unless a pharmacist advises that the medication is not compromised by crushing, and crushing has been determined to be within the patient’s best interest.”

The Nursing and Midwifery Council Standards for Medicines Management 2007

7 Nurses have a responsibility to deliver safe and effective care based on current evidence, best practice and where possible validated research

The Nursing and Midwifery Council Code of Conduct 2008

8 “The NPA Indemnity Insurance is unable to cover members (except in exceptional or emergency circumstances) who undertake PCT recommended alternatives to dispensing unlicensed specials – particularly where such recommendations result in the integrity of a licensed medical product being compromised e.g. by crushing, dispersing or breaking open (capsules) or which otherwise interfere with products in any other way.”

National Pharmacy Association Insurance

9 PDA guidance is that even if decisions are made in what is considered to be the best interests of patients, the supplying of a medicine in a manner or form which interferes with the integrity of its license is still undertaken at the personal risk of the Pharmacist

Pharmacists’ Defence Association 2011

10 PCTs might be corporately liable for their crushing/dispersing policies if this amounts to a breach of duty to a patient and falls far below what can reasonably be expected of the organisation in the circumstances. Aggravating factors will include cost-cutting at the expense of safety and failure to heed warnings or advice.

Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007

