

Interview Guide

Study Title:

Bisphosphonate related osteonecrosis of the jaw. A study of community pharmacists and general medical practitioners attitudes and perceptions towards the oral implications of bisphosphonate therapy and the influence of this on their practice.

Guide:

This guide should be used as a template and starting point for interviewing participant in the study. Open questioning and providing participants with the opportunity to elaborate on their thoughts and answers should be given priority.

Introduction

Introduce myself explain the format of the interview and confidentiality.

Questions:

How often do you see patients on bisphosphonates?

- Oral/IV
- Initiation or long term patients
- Do you initiate or on secondary care recommendations

Are you aware of the risk of Osteonecrosis of the Jaw?

- Do you know what ONJ is
- Have you encountered patients with ONJ
- Do you see BRONJ as an important issue in practice

- Do you know the risk factors for BRONJ
- Have patients raised concerns regarding dental health

Do you counsel bisphosphonate patients on adverse effects?

- Initiation or long term review
- What do you discuss – do you discuss dental implications
- How do you explain this to patients
- When would you discuss this
- If not, why not

Do you refer bisphosphonate patients to see a dentist?

- Frequency
- Initiation or long term
- All patients or certain patient groups
- If not, why not?

If you don't discuss the risks of BRONJ – why not?

- Lack of knowledge of the risks
- Not perceived as important
- Prioritising of other counselling points

How could this be communicated to the patients?

- Who by
- When
- Referral process to dentists

- Part of NMS/MUR (pharmacists)

Do you feel you should know more about BRONJ?

- Why
- How would you like to achieve this

If a referral process was designed between the professions how would you envisage this working?

Any barriers to this?