



Why empower pharmacists?

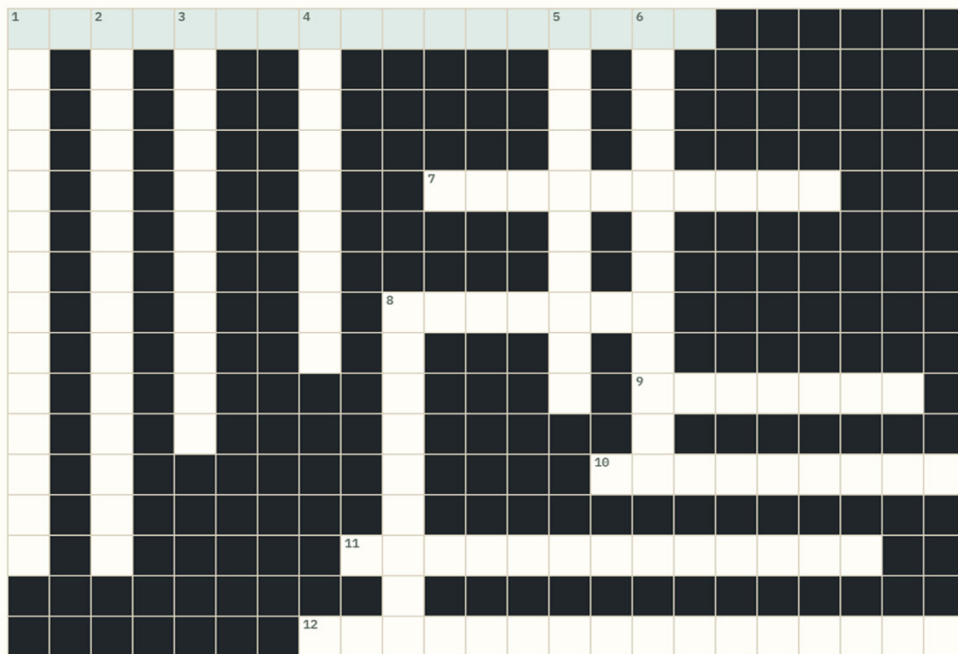
Pharmacists are among the most accessible healthcare professionals worldwide. When enabled to perform at their full scope, they:



1. Pharmacists are an integral part of MDT's teams working within acute medicine.
2. 8.4 million patients regularly take 5 or more medicines.
3. 1 in 5 hospital admissions in patients aged over-65 result from adverse drug effects.
4. Patients on 10 or more medicines are 300 times more likely to face drug-related hospital admissions.
5. 10% of prescriptions in primary care are inappropriate, with alternative treatments often better for a patient's needs and preferences.

Reference:

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/614a10fed3bf7f05ab786551/good-for-you-good-for-us-good-for-everybody.pdf>



Across

1. Dangerous hyperthermia and agitation from combining serotonergic drugs, e.g. SSRIs with MAOIs (17)
7. Yellow-tinted vision, a classic sign of digoxin toxicity (10)
8. Mild opioid, also used as a cough suppressant (7)
9. Common NSAID, also used as a blood thinner in low doses (7)
10. Calcium channel blocker dangerous when combined with beta-blockers due to heart block risk (9)
11. Fluoroquinolone carrying a tendon rupture warning, especially with steroids (13)
12. Circulatory collapse in neonates from chloramphenicol, due to immature liver metabolism (16)

Down

1. Potassium-sparing diuretic notorious for causing gynaecomastia in men (14)
2. Muscle tissue breakdown, a rare but serious statin ADR (14)
3. Infamous for causing birth defects in the 1950s-60s (11)
4. Antituberculous drug causing peripheral neuropathy via vitamin B6 depletion (9)
5. Former antacid, withdrawn worldwide over contamination concerns (10)
6. Folate antagonist whose toxicity is dangerously increased when combined with trimethoprim (12)
8. Antipsychotic requiring mandatory regular full blood count monitoring for agranulocytosis (9)

Across: SEROTONIN SYNDROME, XANTHOPSIA, CODEINE, ASPIRIN, VERAPAMIL, CIPROFLOXACIN, GREY BABY SYNDROME.

Down: SPIRONOLACTONE, RHABDOMYOLYSIS, THALIDOMIDE, ISONIAZID, RANITIDINE, METHOTREXATE, CLOZAPINE.

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