DOES A CARDIOLOGY IN CLINICAL PHARMACY PRACTICE MODULE EQUIP PHARMACISTS WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO OPTIMISE PATIENT CARE?

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Objective

To equip community and hospital pharmacists with the knowledge and skills to optimise cardiovascular patients’ management, thereby improving patient safety and pharmaceutical care.

Methods

A CPD module was developed, in collaboration with pharmacists and doctors, covering eight cardiology topics and ‘practice dilemma’ sessions. It is primarily delivered via a virtual learning environment, with two face-to-face workshops, online assessment, casework and a reflective eportfolio.

Results

Survey link emailed to 211 pharmacists from 2013-2018

Analysis of results – use of Excel & descriptive statistics

26% Response rate
37/55 from community pharmacy
52/55 were quite likely/extremely likely to recommend this module.

Most useful elements?
• Module’s flexibility
• Staff support
• Opportunities to interact with both community and hospital practitioners
• Practical applicability of course content.

Conclusion

Based on self-reports, this module has supported pharmacists in gaining the knowledge and skills required to optimise cardiovascular patients’ management.

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