

Service Evaluation: Prescribing Practices for Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathic Pain

The University of Sheffield is completing a service evaluation in order to gain an understanding of the prescribing practices for diabetic peripheral neuropathic pain (DPNP) in primary care. The service evaluation consists of a very short (5 minute) online questionnaire for GPs.

Background

DPNP affects up to a quarter of patients with diabetes. DPNP can cause insomnia, poor quality of life, unemployment and depression. The mainstay of treatment is pharmacotherapy however, current NICE guidance is not based on robust evidence.

OPTION-DM is a phase III clinical trial, funded by the NIHR HTA programme, which aims to identify the most clinically beneficial treatment pathway for DPNP. OPTION-DM has completed recruitment and the final patient follow up visit has recently been completed. Initial results will be available in September 2020. Further information on the trial is available via this [link](#).

Survey

In order to assess the impact of research it is important to understand current practice, however we do not have a clear picture of prescribing practices for DPNP in the UK. With this in mind, we are conducting a short survey of GPs asking about current prescribing practices for DPNP. The information obtained will provide a baseline against which we can compare future surveys.

The survey will take no more than 5 minutes to complete and it is available [here](#).

The deadline for completing the survey is 11th September 2020.

Any queries should be emailed to the team at option-dm@sheffield.ac.uk.