

Optimising Scope for Pharmacists:

A case of Initiation of Orkambi® Treatment in Paediatric Patients with Cystic Fibrosis



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- CF Team identified approx. 100 eligible patients
- Expediated PBS application

Medication history taking → full list

- 60% patients have DI with current therapy
- 40% Rx meds, 32% OTC, 27% CAM's

Identify drug interaction

- Orkambi counselling
- Pharmacist CPD

Family (and staff) education

Care plan

- Cessation, dose adjustment, monitoring
- MDT approach



Summary

Successes

- Prioritise within Pharmacy to timely initiate service
- Rapport with CF MDT Team
- Engaged families, eager to commence Orkambi



Challenges

- Time intensive to contact families and to document on ieMR
- Difficult to reach some families during business hours
- No funding to continue this service → ad hoc basis now



**Optimising pharmacists' scope to best patient care:
pharmacokinetic knowledge, medication history taking
drug counselling and liaison**

