

# PCDS

## Primary Care Diabetes Society

The latest news and views from the Primary Care Diabetes Society

### Improvements to the PCDS CPD modules



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The series of continuing professional development (CPD) modules presented in *Diabetes & Primary Care* was initiated in 2009, and proved to be an important way in which the PCDS committee have fulfilled their role of providing high-quality, evidence-based contemporary diabetes education for the growing membership of the Society. The modules were inspired by the International Diabetes Federation's (2008) *International Curriculum for*

*Diabetes Health Professional Education*, but tailored to practical aspects of managing people with diabetes in primary care. Eighteen modules were produced over a 3-year period.

Feedback on the modules from participants has been overwhelmingly positive; "Systematic, informative, good supporting literature", "updates my existing knowledge" being typical feedback comments.

While this was very encouraging for the PCDS committee and the editorial team on *Diabetes & Primary Care*, our current challenge is to update modules and align them with

emerging evidence. We would like to express our gratitude to Boehringer Ingelheim and Eli Lilly and Company for providing an educational grant to support this initiative.

Another challenge has been to improve the modules' online functionality. While the articles that form the basis of the modules are archived on the journal's website, they will also be available on a new website, [Diabetesonthenet.com](http://Diabetesonthenet.com), launching as this journal goes to print. A CPD centre – where users can keep a record of their CPD activities, including events, online activities and journal modules – is part of the new website and includes reflection and action planning functions to help guide annual appraisals. Feedback from participants also suggested an improvement to the multiple-choice questions; as a result, there will now be an "answer justification" (the reasoning behind the correct answer), to further aid learning.

By fully updating these important and well-received diabetes education modules, the PCDS committee are confirming their ongoing commitment to providing education for healthcare professionals with an interest in diabetes, who may want to fulfill their CPD requirements irrespective of their location and at a time of their choosing. ■

International Diabetes Federation (2008) *International Curriculum for Diabetes Health Professional Education*. IDF, Brussels. Available at: <http://bit.ly/AeRBNv> (accessed 09.02.12)

### Thank you for donating to Children in Need!



The money that was collected for Children in Need at the PCDS National meeting in Birmingham on 18–19 November totalled £845.00. The PCDS would like to thank everyone who donated for their generosity.

### Insulin glulisine (Apidra®) back in stock

A new supply for Apidra® SoloStar® prefilled pens and Apidra® cartridges for use with ClikStar® became available in the week beginning 6 February.

The shortage was due to a technical incident at a manufacturing site and supply was interrupted from November 2011.

As deliveries will be received on a weekly basis initially, it is advised that individual prescriptions are limited to no more than 3 months' supply in the first instance. Subsequent prescriptions can be written as usual.