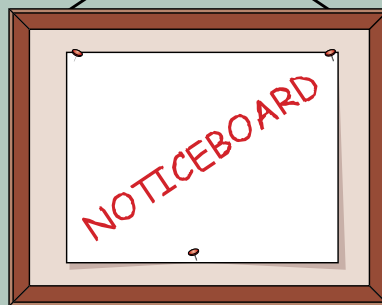




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**D**o you ever wonder if other people are doing the same as you and that you might just be re-inventing the wheel?

Now is your chance to find out by using the Noticeboard section in the *Journal of Diabetes Nursing*. As a member of the journal's editorial board, I have for some time now wanted to create an opportunity for myself and other nurses involved in diabetes care to pose a quick question or share a fleeting thought with other healthcare professionals without having to write a whole article or phone round an array of colleagues.



The idea of Noticeboard is much the same as an internet message board where people can place requests, thoughts, ideas – in fact anything they want to share – as a brief message on this page. We at the journal will then encourage other readers to comment in the next issue,

thereby enhancing ongoing debate and discussion but with a minimum of effort on the part of participants.

### Easy and efficient way to share ideas

The great advantage of the journal's monthly frequency is that we can be reactive to the needs of our readers. We hope that Noticeboard represents an easy and efficient way to share ideas and to receive responses to questions you want answered.

### Diabetes helplines

**Q** Does anyone have any examples or information of telephone helplines for adults with diabetes that they would share?

*Janet Wilson,  
Diabetes Network Manager,  
Wakefield District and North Kirklees Diabetes  
Network*

### Pharmacists and diabetes awareness

**Q** *I am looking to try and involve our community pharmacists in health promotion and increasing awareness of diabetes. I am looking for examples of this having been done successfully elsewhere – any tips or help would be much appreciated.*

*Name and address withheld*

**A** In Tower Hamlets, East London, we have at least one wonderful pharmacist who attended the Warwick Diabetes Care insulin initiation study days I run in my locality and is now actively assisting GPs, practice nurses and people with diabetes in all aspects of diabetes care. Pharmacists need to get their diabetes training like anyone else and Warwick now also run a special module for community pharmacists in diabetes care. For more information visit [www.diabetescare.warwick.ac.uk](http://www.diabetescare.warwick.ac.uk) (accessed 21.02.2007)

*Laila King,  
Diabetes Nurse Educator, London*

### Combining charts in the hospital setting

**Q** We are currently looking at our ward documentation in relation to recording capillary glucose levels and the charting of insulin for inpatients with diabetes and people admitted to hospital with diabetic ketoacidosis. We are considering whether or not we should combine the charting of insulin and blood glucose in the one chart. We would be grateful for any examples of similar documentation. As well as replying to Noticeboard, please feel free to send examples to: 2c Diabetes Day Centre, Cork University Hospital, Wilton Road, Cork, Ireland.

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### Any answers?

Please send any responses to the above or further questions to:

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