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## Respiratory Short Courses

### Home care and the COPD patient COPD update

**Y**es it that time of year again! Flu vaccines and winter infections. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is traditionally a disease of the winter months and has recently shared some long awaited limelight with Asthma.

The changes in Primary Care that are currently taking place are impacting on many health care professionals; therefore the traditional reactive approach to these patients is slowly changing. With the advent of Community Matrons and different ways of working for our community colleagues there is the opportunity for shared responsibility for their care.

The traditional management of COPD has been with our secondary care colleagues but with the current pressures on our hospitals and the advent of the National Service Framework (NSF) in 2008 it will continue to become more of a primary care disease. This will mean that services are provided closer to home by people who know the patient, their family and carers.

The following one day courses offer an opportunity to 'dip your toe' in the world of COPD.

**Homecare and the COPD patient** reflects the current changes and addresses the needs of the health care professionals who will care for COPD patients at home. It considers the evidence that has supported this change in practice and the practicalities of delivering this care.

**COPD Update** provides an overview of the changes in delivery of care and explores some of the confusion that surrounds the disease area. It offers a chance to network with peers and discuss current issues. The course will also look at the potential for the NSF and how this will impact on delivery of care.

Homecare and the COPD patient	COPD Update
<p>The principles of management – an overview of the disease and its impact .....</p> <p>Inhalers, nebulisers and oxygen – a practical session .....</p> <p>Lifestyle advice, breathlessness and exacerbation management .....</p> <p>End-stage COPD and palliative care .....</p> <p>Psychological, social and practical support</p>	<p>What's new and what's still the same? .....</p> <p>What guidelines say and why the confusion .....</p> <p>New and current drug therapy – the evidence to support them .....</p> <p>The multidisciplinary approach – case study group work</p>