

Learning from a Coroner's Report - Compliance Pack Supplies when MORE than one patient in the same household

A coroner's report released last week has raised concerns about the use of dosette boxes for prescription medicines.

The report into the death of an 82-year-old woman after accidentally taking medicine prescribed for her husband, identified that the use of "identical" dosette boxes was a contributing factor. Both husband and wife were described as having "cognitive impairment".

Community Pharmacy England responded to the case, highlighting the guidance on multi-compartment compliance aids (MCAs) published by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS). This guidance indicates that there is a professional decision to make on the suitability of an MCA and there are risks and benefits with MCAs.

Community Pharmacy England are raising the specific concern in this case – the need for MCAs for different patients in one household to be very clearly identified, where those patients have cognitive impairment - with RPS and the Community Pharmacy Patient Safety Group for consideration of any additional information or guidance.

[Read the coroner's report](#)

[Read the RPS guidance on MCAs](#)

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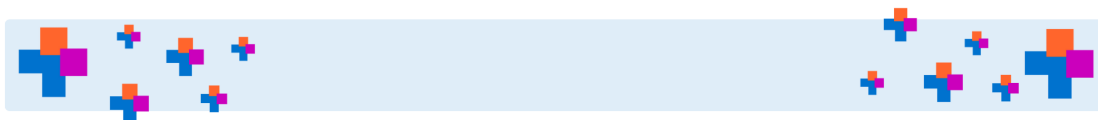
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