

We have a new look



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Dear Members and Friends of Medisec,

To celebrate 25 years of looking after our GP members, Medisec has created a new brand look and feel with a new-style logo and new website graphics. As we head into the next 25 years, we are focused on displaying our contemporary professional approach, our continued commitment to excellent service and outstanding medical professional indemnity insurance - so you know we are always there for you and your practice.

Embedded in our DNA, is our commitment to looking after our members; this is right at the core of our brand. We created our new brand arrow from that very DNA strand to symbolise Medisec's unique approach to service. We look forward to showing you more new innovation over the next few months.

In our February edition of MedZine, we bring you an update from our Best Practice Conference 2020 and we have highlighted some amendments introduced by the Coroner's (Amendment) Act 2019 and useful tips when preparing a report for the Coroner.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth Simpson".
The Medisec logo, consisting of a green arrow made of three dots and the word "MEDISEC" in blue uppercase letters.

BEST PRACTICE CONFERENCE 2020



Sincere Thank You to all Attendees from the Medisec Team

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all those who attended our Best Practice Conference on Saturday 22 February; we had a full house with over 160 attendees, leaving standing room only in the auditorium. We would like to extend a special thank you to all of our guest speakers for their excellent presentations which were informative and humorous and very on point with all our members. We hope that you enjoyed the day and thank you again for giving up your Saturday to spend it with us.

We have included some photographs from the day below.

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Case Study



Coroners (Amendment) Act 2019

We have provided a summary of the updates and obligations on Medical Practitioners contained within the 2019 Act primarily in relation to the mandatory reporting of certain deaths and also the Coroner's power to compel witnesses and to seek evidence.

For more information, please read more below.

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Report for the Coroner

GPs are often asked to provide a medical report to the Coroner; read more to review our guide to writing a report for the Coroner.

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The Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018

The Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 provides the legislative basis for termination of pregnancy in certain circumstances.

Medisec Members are reminded that they should not undertake the provision of such services without appropriate training and that cover will not be in place under the Medisec Policy unless the Medisec's Policy terms and conditions and requirements outlined below are met.

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Medication Alert

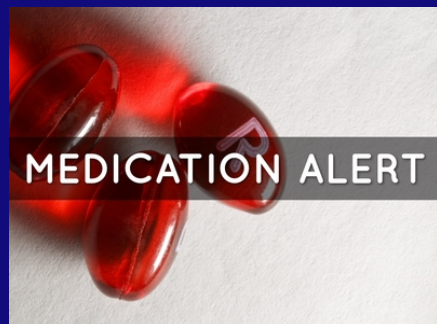
Sodium Valproate (Epilim)

According to studies, babies born to women taking valproate-containing medicines during pregnancy have a 30-40 % risk of developmental disability and a 10 % risk of birth defects.

As a result the guidelines for prescribing to women of childbearing age are very restricting and the HSE have excellent guidance documents and patient information in order to maintain patient safety.

http://www.hpra.ie/docs/default-source/Valproate/valproate_epilim_hcp-guide.pdf?sfvrsn=0

Medisec would like to remind any members who think they may have any patient who could have been affected by sodium valproate in pregnancy to inform Medisec without delay.



Picato/(ingenol mebutate)

Healthcare Professionals should stop prescribing Picato in actinic keratosis and consider different treatment options while authorities review the data, according to the European Medicines Agency.

Read full overview at:

<https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/medicines/human/referrals/picato>

Get in touch

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any ideas or suggestions for work that you would like to see us do. We love to hear from our members!

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