Prescribing in Diabetes

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The introduction of non-medical prescribing has meant that nurses, pharmacists and the professions allied to health are frequently faced with prescribing decisions. This text has been written for healthcare professionals involved in the management of treatment for patients with diabetes. Easily accessible information upon which to base prescribing decisions ensuring safe and effective practice is provided in the form of a single, easy to use, practice-based text.

Chapter 1 describes the various methods available to healthcare professionals for the safe delivery of medicines to patients. The pharmacology underpinning prescribing decisions is explored in Chapter 2. Chapters 3, 4 and 5 explore normal blood glucose regulation and diabetes, supporting lifestyle changes and patient empowerment, and the management of glycaemia by oral hypoglycaemic agents. The remainder of the book addresses insulin therapy (Ch. 6), the management of increased cardiovascular risk (Ch. 7) and acute and long-term complications (Ch. 8). This book, in conjunction with the Nurse Prescribers’ Formulary, British National Formulary, Drug Tariff and manufacturers’ product information sheets, provides an essential guide for those healthcare professionals prescribing in the area of diabetes.
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– provide a forum for peer support and exchange of ideas and information
– share good practice

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