

ADMINISTERING NOVEL AGENTS

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Session overview

EXPLORING THE REALITY OF DELIVERING NOVEL AGENTS

- Considerations
 - Patient
 - Environment
 - Self

- Sharing concerns and expertise

Patient

Before administering a novel agent it is important to:

- **Confirm consent**
- **Review potential side effects**
- **Emphasise importance of reporting ill effects – immediate and delayed**
- **Overview of emergency procedures**
- **Medical review**
- **Pre-dose assessments as per protocol**
- **Introductions to extended team members**
- **Ongoing reassurance and observation**



Environment

Before administering a novel agent, have you checked:

- **Drugs prescribed, ordered and ready**
- **Any specific administration requirements**
- **Bed booked – including any in-patient requirements**
- **Second trained member of staff available**
- **Adequate medical cover**
- **ITU bed available if needed**
- **Ongoing cover in case of reaction**
- **PK sampling support inc. couriers if needed**

.....Yes, it is like herding cats.



And what about you?

Are you prepared to deliver a novel agent?

- Read protocol and investigator brochure
- Know as much as you can about side effects
- Up to date life support training
- Practice with any new equipment where possible
- Talk to others who have done it before
- Plan ahead
- Clear diary
- And take a deep breath.....

.....it is a leap of faith!



Sharing concerns and expertise

