

Collaboration Agreement Summary and Outcomes: PDSPN and Zambon UK Ltd.

Project name:

Learning and education initiative for NHS Pharmacists in Parkinson's Disease

Participating parties:

- Zambon UK Ltd (a subsidiary of Zambon SpA): Ground Floor, Suite F, Breakspear Park, Breakspear Way, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 4TZ
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- Parkinson's Disease Specialist Pharmacy Network Committee (PDSPN):
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- Parkinson's UK (PUK): 215 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, SW1V 1EJ
[Homepage | Parkinson's UK \(parkinsons.org.uk\)](http://Homepage | Parkinson's UK (parkinsons.org.uk))

Background:

The overall aim of this collaboration is to increase NHS Pharmacists knowledge and understanding of Parkinson's Disease and improve their practice when they are interacting with patients at all stages of their disease.

The learning will be via online interactive modules developed by PDSPN and hosted by PUK. Delegates will experience direct access to current Specialist Pharmacists working in Parkinson's Disease who sit on the PDSPN Committee during online sessions. The registration for the modules and access to the training is free.

Zambon UK will assist in the planning, organisation and logistics of the training and liaise between Parkinson's UK and PDSPN to ensure the practical considerations for the implementation of the training in line with the ABPI Code of Practice.

Predicted benefits for HCPs and patients:

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Expected outcomes:

NHS Pharmacists: To upskill and develop pharmacists' knowledge levels about Parkinson's Disease as a disease area, including diagnosis, symptoms, progression, appropriate management, polypharmacy and available treatments.

The aim is to increase support for patients given regard to the need to reduce inequalities between patients in access to, and outcomes from, healthcare services in an integrated way where this might reduce health inequalities.

PDSPN: The PDSPN Committee aims to develop, signpost and contribute to training and education of NHS pharmacists across a wider network, to continue Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and strive to improve the patient experience. This collaboration will progress this objective further and improve reach to other HCP's across the NHS with access to specialist practitioners and educational material.

Parkinsons UK: Ongoing educational support for Pharmacy Professionals in their learning pathway around Parkinson's Disease.

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Zambon UK: There is no direct benefit within this collaboration to Zambon UK. However, Zambon UK markets treatment for Parkinson's Disease and the company is therefore committed to working with the NHS, PUK and the PDSPN to enhance patient care and to support HCP's to deliver initiatives such as enhanced training to upskill delegates in the treatment of Parkinson's Disease. This training collaboration will not involve the promotion of any of Zambon products.

Feedback:

- There were 15 attendees (excluding speakers) on the day of the event
- The majority of respondents rated the event as 'excellent'
- The results indicated no preference for virtual, hybrid or in person meetings however, individual comments reflected the virtual aspect worked well for this type of event
- With regard to future expectations, respondents suggested an option for breakout rooms, opportunities for pharmacists from different countries to network online, a discussion around improving communication around Parkinson's medication, speakers to present on the geriatrician vs neurologist approach in managing older patients with Parkinson's disease, and a talk from a patient/carer's perspective.