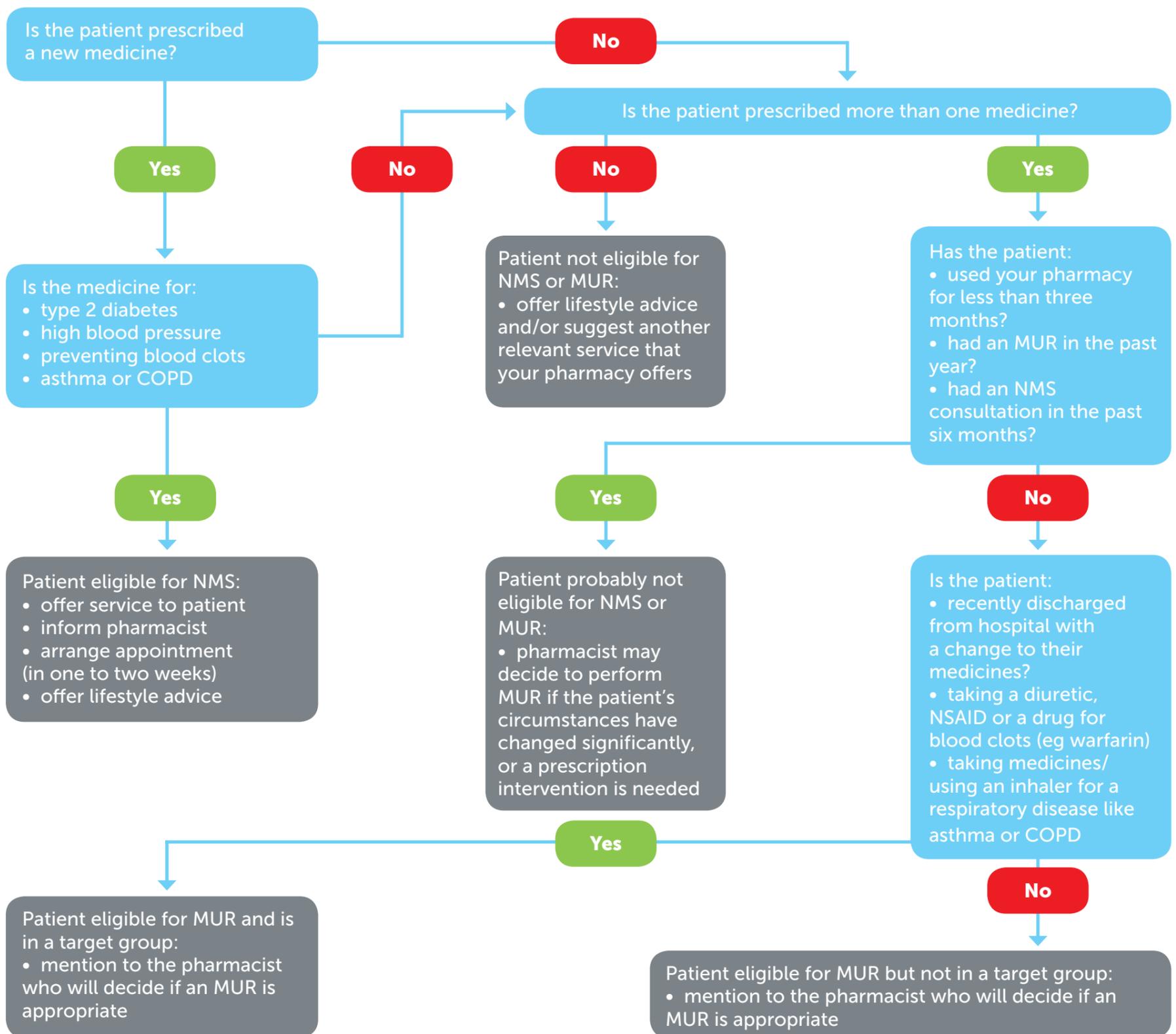


OTC Guide to recruiting patients for pharmacy medicines services

Is your patient eligible for a pharmacy medicines service? Find out with our pull-out wall chart

On October 1 the new medicine service (NMS) will launch in England, with patients starting medicines for four different condition types eligible for the service. Your pharmacy is probably already offering medicines use reviews (MURs); these will also change, with four nationally agreed target groups. Use this wall chart to identify which patients are eligible for these two services and when you should alert the pharmacist.



Common drugs included in the new medicine service

Patients eligible for the new medicine service can be prescribed a large number of different medicines.

Here are some of the more common drugs used for patients newly diagnosed with their conditions; you can find a full list of BNF sections covered by the service on the PSNC website: www.psn.org.uk.

Remember, the new medicine service target groups have been decided by condition;

just because a patient is taking a medicine listed, it doesn't automatically mean they are eligible as they might be taking it for another reason.

Type 2 diabetes:

- metformin
- gliclazide
- insulin

High blood pressure:

- amlodipine
- drugs ending 'pril' (such as ramipril)
- drugs ending 'sartan' (such as

- candesartan)
- drugs ending 'olol' (such as atenolol)
- bendroflumethiazide

Preventing blood clots:

- warfarin
- clopidogrel
- aspirin

Asthma/COPD:

- Most inhalers, including:
- salbutamol
 - beclometasone
 - fluticasone
 - budesonide



Tools for NMS and MUR

The Tools for NMS and MUR series aims to give pharmacies all they need to deliver the new medicine service and targeted MURs.

The 14-part guide started in the September 3 issue of C+D, OTC's sister title. All the modules are available on the C+D and OTC website

You can find out more about the new medicine service by visiting www.chemistanddruggist.co.uk/nms