

Conclusion and relevance The study population had a very advanced age with a high degree of polypharmacy and a high prevalence of PIM. The most frequent drugs involved were nervous system drugs, specially the benzodiazepines. The pharmacist's contribution to review chronic treatment and to detect PIM can improve the safety of patients in the ED.

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HOW DOES THE ON-SCREEN DESIGN OF ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING SYSTEMS AFFECT SAFE PRESCRIBING? A QUALITATIVE STUDY USING A THINK ALOUD APPROACH

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Background and importance User interface design features, such as screen layout, density of information, position of messages and use of colour, may affect the usability of electronic prescribing (EP) systems, with usability problems previously associated with medication errors.

Aim and objectives To explore users' perspectives of the on-screen design features of a commercially available EP system and how these are perceived to affect patient safety.

Material and methods The study was conducted at a large London teaching hospital during 2018–2019. Participants were recruited via adverts on the intranet; all prescribers with experience using the EP system were eligible to participate. We used a mixed qualitative approach. First, prescribers were asked to conduct a prescribing task for a simulated patient using a think aloud approach. Second, we conducted a semi-structured interview with each participant to explore their views in more detail, with a focus on patient safety. Interview questions were developed based on the literature and then piloted. Think aloud and interview transcripts were analysed inductively using a thematic approach. Ethics approval was obtained.

Results Ten participants took part (three registrars, three foundation year 1 doctors, two foundation year 2 doctors and two pharmacist prescribers). Key themes from the think aloud and interview transcripts included: (1) EP design features and process flow; (2) benefits of EP systems; and (3) suggestions for improvement. For instance, design features such as screen features and layout were discussed with regards to impact on workflow, as well as 'information overload'. Suggestions for improvement were made in relation to embedding trust guidelines and making changes to system design (eg, colour, fonts, customisation) to increase information visibility and enhance overall attention. Lastly, a need was expressed for better support for interacting with patients while using the system, as well as making drug–drug interaction alerts more targeted to support medication safety while also avoiding alert fatigue.

Conclusion and relevance We identified specific interface design factors that may improve the usability and/or safety of EP systems, which can be used to inform future experimental

research in this area. Limitations include the small sample size; further work should include similar studies on other EP systems.

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EXPLORING EYE TRACKING AS A METHOD TO STUDY USERS' INTERACTIONS WITH A HOSPITAL ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING SYSTEM: A DESCRIPTIVE STUDY

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Background and importance User interface design can have a significant impact on interactions with online systems. Eye tracking is generally accepted as a useful method to study performance in areas such as interpretation of medical imaging. However, there is little evidence of its use to study user interactions with electronic prescribing (EP) systems, an area in which failure to see and act on key information is particularly critical.

Aim and objectives To explore the feasibility of using eye tracking to study EP users' visual attention and behaviour, with a focus on safe prescribing.

Material and methods The study took place at a London teaching hospital from 2018 to 2019. Participants were recruited via the organisation's intranet. Any prescriber with experience of the EP system was eligible to participate. We used Tobii Pro X3-120 integrated screen monitor trackers in a simulation setting. Participants were asked to complete a prescribing task for a test patient, which included prescribing penicillin for a patient with a penicillin allergy. Data collected included videos of the screen showing the participant's scan paths. We segmented the data according to when the user switched screens, and calculated percentage of time spent looking in each of the four quadrants of the screen for each. The study was approved as a service evaluation.

Results Ten prescribers participated. Overall, the highest percentages of fixation points were at the top left and right corners of the screen, where information is provided on allergies and patient information, respectively. However, each prescriber initially prescribed a penicillin and was stopped only by a pop-up alert. The highest number of fixation points was observed during review of the prescription and final signature, followed by review of the allergy alert and the search for drug names and dosages.

Conclusion and relevance Eye tracking is a feasible method for studying EP interactions. The findings will be used to plan a larger evaluation, with the aims of understanding how screen design can help or hinder patient safety, and how type and positioning of decision support information influences the likelihood of it being acted on. Limitations include small sample size; further work should also explore how gaze patterns may differ between novices and experts.