

Newsletter

6th September 2024 Week 36

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• Time: 2pm-4:30 pm

• Venue: Holiday Inn Maidstone/Sevenoaks

London Road, Wrotham Heath Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 7RS

Please email admin@kentlpc.org.uk if you would like to attend.



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Click <u>here</u> to read the full letter. (Note: there is an important reference of Community Pharmacy)



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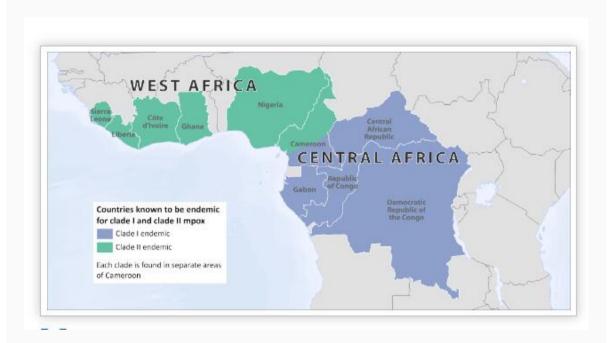
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- see a healthcare professional once a year
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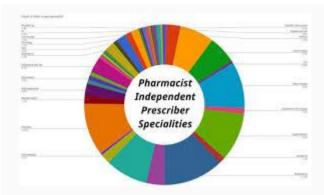
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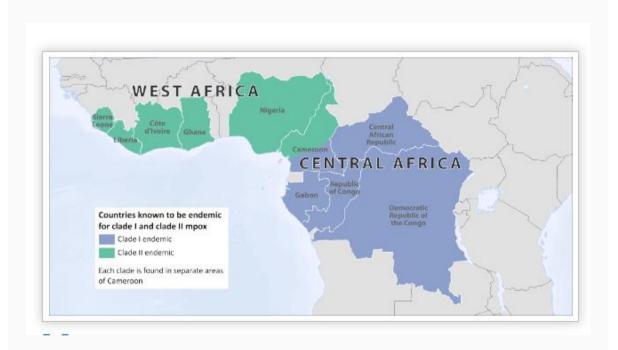
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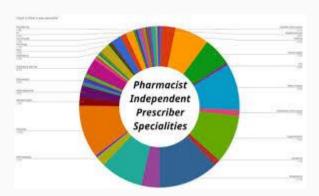
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