Anaesthetist prescribing post-operative medications.

- **All post-operative drugs should be prescribed in Expanse.**
- **If an anaesthetist administers drugs intra-operatively that could conflict with post-operative prescriptions, the following precautions must be taken.** This applies to groups of drugs including paracetamol, NSAIDs, antibiotics, and all anticoagulant or VTE prophylaxis medicines.
- **For these drugs, the time of administration MUST be clearly documented on the anaesthetic record and communicated verbally to the recovery or relevant post-operative team.**
- **Post-operative doses of these drugs should be ordered in Expanse and scheduled according to the next appropriate dosing interval.**
- **Example:** For drugs given every six hours, such as paracetamol, Expanse generates automatic administration times - 06:00, 12:00, 18:00 and 22:00. If paracetamol 1 gram is administered at 15:00 intra-operatively, this should be documented on the anaesthetic chart and handed over to recovery staff. The next scheduled administration time of 18:00 would be too close to the 15:00 dose, so the prescription start time should be adjusted to 22:00.