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FIRST QUESTIONNAIRE ROUND

Initial proposed general statements

- A To enable safe, effective an high-quality in-hospital pharmacotherapeutic care, a hospital should have a structured in-hospital pharmacotherapeutic stewardship program.
- B To enable safe, effective an high-quality in-hospital pharmacotherapeutic care, there should be European consensus on the fundamentals of an in-hospital pharmacotherapeutic stewardship program.
- To enable safe, effective an high-quality in-hospital pharmacotherapeutic care, each in-hospital setting in Europe should have a pharmacotherapeutic stewardship program.
- D If a hospital setting wants to set up an in-hospital pharmacotherapeutic stewardship program, a framework should be available that includes evidence-based and applicable Quality Indicators (QIs).

Initial proposed Quality Indicators

- To enable safe, effective an high-quality in-hospital pharmacotherapeutic care, there should be a policy that outlines the responsibilities of the persons active within an in-hospital pharmacotherapeutic stewardship program.
- To enable safe, effective an high-quality in-hospital pharmacotherapeutic care, should be tailored to a hospital's specific needs.
- 3 If a hospital setting wants to set up an in-hospital pharmacotherapeutic stewardship program, a framework should be available that includes evidence-based and applicable Quality Indicators (QIs).
- 4 A pharmacotherapeutic stewardship program should provide metrics and insight in the status of medication safety in the hospital where it is active.
- There should be a formal team of healthcare professionals performing the tasks defined within an in-hospital pharmacotherapeutic stewardship program.
- The team performing in-hospital pharmacotherapeutic stewardship and tasks within this program, should have identifiable and qualified team members and have identified time for in-hospital pharmacotherapeutic stewardship in their job plan.
- The team performing in-hospital pharmacotherapeutic stewardship and tasks within this program, should have an identifiable, pharmacological qualified lead team member who has time for pharmacotherapeutic stewardship in their job plan.
- 8 The team performing in-hospital pharmacotherapeutic stewardship and tasks within this program, should monitor Quality Indicators (QIs) for pharmacotherapeutic stewardship and should make these data available.
- **9** There should be a system in place for rapid communication between prescribers and team members.
- There should be a mechanism in place to request pharmacotherapeutic assessment of patients by stakeholders within the hospital.
- 11 Pharmacotherapeutic assessment should be performed by a competent member of the pharmacotherapy team.
- Prescribers should be given the opportunity to decline or accept advices resulting from pharmacotherapeutic assessment by this team.
- The pharmacotherapeutic stewardship plan should be documented in the discharge summary or correspondence to the next line of care.
- 14 Satisfaction status/experiences of patients receiving pharmacotherapeutic stewardship should be monitored.
- Hospital readmission status of patients receiving in-hospital pharmacotherapeutic stewardship should be documented.
- There should be a weekly multidisciplinary meeting / ward round (face-to-face / virtual) to discuss findings of patients eligible of receiving pharmacotherapeutic stewardship.
- 17 The pharmacotherapeutic stewardship plan should be documented in patient's record.
- 18 The team performing in-hospital pharmacotherapeutic stewardship should document...
 - ... the number of Potentially Inappropriate Medications (PIMs).
 - ... document the number of (preventable) Adverse Drug Events (ADEs).

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- ... the number of (preventable) Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR).
- ... the number of discrepancies (either intentional or unintentional) between the medication in use in before hospitalization and the medication in use at hospital discharge.
- ... the number of patients identified with at least one prescribing errors (PEs).
- ... the number of prescribing errors (PEs) identified after pharmacotherapeutic assessment.
- 19 A pharmacotherapeutic stewardship program should at least include the following activities:

Medication reconcilliation at hospital admission

A face-to-face / virtual medication interview with a patient

A structured medication review during patient's hospitalization

A structured medication review upon patient's hospital discharge

Education for in-hospital prescribers regarding pharmacology and pharmacotherapy

Education for nurses regarding pharmacology and pharmacotherapy

Medication reconcilliation at hospital discharge

Surveillance on the correct dose and formulation of medication when a patient has a tube

Surveillance on correct medication administration when a patient is not able to take their medication orally (for example in case of (temporarily) problems swallowing medication or having a tube)

Surveillance on and reporting of adverse drug events (ADEs)

Optimalization of local protocols

Identification of computerized physician order entry (CPOE) system

Other

- A pharmacotherapeutic stewardship program should prioritize activities at clinical wards providing acute care, for example the emergency department or acute admission ward.
- 21 A pharmacotherapeutic stewardship program should prioritize activities at non-acute, surgical wards.
- 22 A pharmacotherapeutic stewardship program should prioritize activities at non-acute, medical wards.
- 23 A pharmacotherapeutic stewardship program should focus on all adult (18 years and older) patients.
- 24 A pharmacotherapeutic stewardship program should only focus on older (65 years and older) patients.
- A pharmacotherapeutic stewardship program should only focus on polypharmacy (5 or more chronic medications in use) patients.
- A pharmacotherapeutic stewardship program should include all hospitalized patients, regardless of the number of medications in use.
- The team performing in-hospital pharmacotherapeutic stewardship and tasks within this program should include at least the following medical specialty / specialties:

Junior medical doctor (0-2 years of experience)

Senior medical doctor (at least 2 years of experience)

Specialized medical doctor

Clinical hospital pharmacist

Public pharmacist

Physician assistant

Nurse

Medical student

Pharmacy student

Pharmacy technician

Pharmacy practitioner

Nurse practitioner

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Clinical pharmacologist

Other

The team performing in-hospital pharmacotherapeutic stewardship and tasks within this program should *ideally* include the following medical specialty / specialties:

Junior medical doctor (0-2 years of experience)

Senior medical doctor (at least 2 years of experience)

Specialized medical doctor

Clinical hospital pharmacist

Public pharmacist

Physician assistant

Nurse

Medical student

Pharmacy student

Pharmacy technician

Pharmacy practitioner

Nurse practitioner

Clinical pharmacologist

Other

- Patients and their family should be informed about the outcomes of pharmacotherapeutic assessment and decisions resulting from this.
- **30** Satisfaction status/experiences of clinicians consulting the pharmacotherapy team should be monitored.
- 31 Survival status of patients receiving in-hospital pharmacotherapeutic stewardship should be documented.
- The team performing in-hospital pharmacotherapeutic stewardship, should document the number of days a patient is inoptimally treated with medication.
- A pharmacotherapeutic stewardship program should only be active during office hours. Meaning not hereafter or during the weekends.
- A pharmacotherapeutic stewardship program should only be active after office hours and during the weekends. Meaning not during office hours.
- 35 A pharmacotherapeutic stewardship program should have a more reactive (passive) approach, rather than a