



**Partnerships to Advance Therapeutics (PATHs)
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Dear PATHs Participant:

Welcome to the 6th annual Partnerships to Advance Therapeutics (PATHs) meeting. At the first annual meeting in 2001, the CERTs responded to the PATHs partners' request to develop, survey, and distribute a registry of projects describing therapeutic initiatives among PATHs partners. The first *PATHs Registry* was distributed in March 2002 at the second annual meeting.

The Registry contains information about research and educational projects from various organizations committed to improving the use of therapeutics. It includes summaries of the goals and objectives of many of the organizations participating in the program as well as descriptions of projects. We trust that the Registry continues to serve as a valuable national resource for information about collaborative opportunities which address important therapeutics issues.

The CERTs welcome your organization to submit information to the Registry using the forms located on the CERTs Web site: <http://www.certs.hhs.gov/partners/paths/regis/index.html>. If you have questions regarding the PATHs program or the Registry, please feel free to contact Dayna Olson-Getty, CERTS Coordinating Center, at dayna.olson@duke.edu. Thank you for your commitment to the PATHs program and participation in the *PATHs Registry*.

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AcademyHealth	AH
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	AHRQ
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	AACAP
American Academy of Nursing	AAN
American Academy of Pediatrics	AAP
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy	AACP
American Association of Retired Persons	AARP
American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association	AARDA
American College of Cardiology	ACC
American College of Clinical Pharmacology	ACCP/Pharmacology
American College of Clinical Pharmacy	ACCP/Pharmacy
American College of Physicians	ACP
American Heart Association	AHA
American Medical Association	AMA
American Nurses Association	ANA
American Pharmacists Association	APA
American Public Health Association	APHA
American Society of Consultant Pharmacists Foundation	ASCPF
American Society of Health-System Pharmacists	ASHP
American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Research and Education Foundation	ASHPF
Arthritis Foundation	AF
Arthritis Foundation, Maryland Chapter	AF, Maryland Chapter
Association of American Medical Colleges	AAMC
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	CDC
Centers for Education and Research on Therapeutics	CERTs
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	CMS
Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare	CAQH
Drug and Therapeutics Information Service	DATIS
Food and Drug Administration	FDA
National Committee for Quality Assurance	NCQA
National Consumers League	NCL
National Council on Patient Information and Education	NCPIE
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases	NIAID
National Pharmaceutical Council	NPC
National Quality Forum	NQF
Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America	PhRMA
United States Pharmacopeia	USP

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Organization Summaries

Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy

Mission

To empower our members to serve society by using sound medication principles and strategies to achieve positive patient outcomes.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

1. Ensuring positive health care outcomes through quality, accessible and affordable pharmaceutical care.
2. Encourage patient-focused medication management, including an emphasis on improved quality of life, positive outcomes, the affordability and accessibility of prescription medications.
3. Promote, document and/or demonstrate the value of managed care pharmacy.

Mission

In collaboration with its members and other key stake holders, AcademyHealth supports the best health services research through:

1. Expanding and improving the scientific basis of the field;
2. Increasing the capabilities and skills of researchers; and
3. Promoting the development of the necessary financial, human, infrastructure, and data resources.

AcademyHealth facilitates the use of the best available health services research and health policy information by:

1. Translating research findings and the lessons of experience into useful information for clinical, management, and policy decisions;
2. Enhancing communication and interaction between health services researchers and health policy-makers; and
3. Identifying areas in which additional research is needed to better inform decisions.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

Although we don't have a specific project to include in the registry, we support development of the resources needed and the dissemination of research to inform practice.

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Mission

To improve the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of health care for all Americans.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

1. Support the study of the relative effectiveness, appropriateness, and cost-effectiveness of alternative strategies for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and management of clinical conditions.
2. Development and administration of research programs related to patient outcomes associated with pharmaceutical therapy.

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Mission

Promote mentally healthy children, adolescents and families through research, training, advocacy, prevention, comprehensive diagnosis and treatment, peer support and collaboration.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

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The American Academy of Pediatrics is dedicated to the attainment of optimal health for all children, including the optimal use of safe and effective therapeutics for children.

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy

Mission

The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy is a national organization whose mission is to serve its member colleges and schools and their respective faculties, by acting as their advocate at the national level, by providing forums for interaction and exchange of information among its members, by recognizing outstanding performance among its member educators, and by assisting member colleges and schools in meeting their mission of educating and training pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists.

The Association recognizes a special responsibility to provide leadership in advancing and enhancing the quality of education and training in its member colleges and schools while respecting the diversity inherent among them. AACP also recognizes that academic pharmacy plays an important role in and shares responsibility with the broader profession of pharmacy in leading efforts to improve medication use.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

1. AACP will lead the development and continued enhancement of educational programs (professional degree, graduate degree, postgraduate residencies and fellowships, and continuing professional education) offered by colleges and schools of pharmacy.
2. AACP will promote and support members' work to discover and apply new knowledge that advances pharmacy education, pharmaceutical sciences, and the profession of pharmacy in the US and throughout the world.
3. AACP will assist members in the delivery of outstanding experiential education.

American Association of Retired Persons

Mission

With over 35 million members, AARP is the leading nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization for people age 50 and over in the U.S. AARP is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all as we age. We provide information and resources; engage in legislative, regulatory and legal advocacy; assist members in serving their communities; and offer benefits, products, and services for members.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

AARP is committed to improving the health status of Americans age 50 and older. AARP is also committed to helping educate Medicare beneficiaries and others about the new prescription drug benefit that takes effect in 2006. To meet these objectives, we have several programs to assist people to make, in consultation with their health care professionals, wise medication choices from both economic and clinical perspectives.

American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association

Mission

The American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association (AARDA) is dedicated to the eradication of autoimmune diseases and the alleviation of suffering and the socioeconomic impact of autoimmunity through fostering and facilitating collaboration in the areas of education, public awareness, research, and patient services in an effective, ethical and efficient manner.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

AARDA advocates for drug safety as well as for issues surrounding payment for therapeutics under Medicare Part D.

Mission

The mission of the American College of Cardiology is to advocate for quality cardiovascular care -- through education, research promotion, development and application of standards and guidelines -- and to influence health care policy.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

1. Help improve cardiovascular care and practice
2. Foster disease prevention
3. Communicate the latest advances
4. Create and develop responsive, innovative, and relevant educational opportunities
5. Disseminate tools and best practices (products, services, and programs) for ready use by practitioners, patients, and policymakers
6. Develop clinical standards
7. Identify the latest advances
8. Promote and uphold the highest professional standards in patient care and physician conduct
9. Promote adequate workforce training and support for cardiovascular care

Mission

The American College of Clinical Pharmacology strives to be the premier professional society with the size, influence and diversity of membership consistent with the breadth of the discipline of clinical pharmacology that will:

1. Provide innovative, unbiased, quality educational programs and forums for our membership, fellow health professionals, students and the public;
2. Lead in the development and dissemination of basic and clinical knowledge to improve rational drug use and patient outcomes;
3. Support and encourage discovery and development efforts designed to provide improved therapeutic modalities;
4. Serve as a forum for active public debate to influence scientific, regulatory, and public health policy issues; and
- 5) Serve the membership through ongoing, open communication, recognition of excellence and service, and by providing opportunities to influence future directions of the College.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

1. Publish the Journal of Clinical Pharmacology.
2. Provide the highest quality educational programs in clinical pharmacology.
3. Endorse the efforts of organizations or agencies to influence scientific, regulatory, and public health policy issues.

Mission

ACCP/Pharmacy is a professional and scientific society that provides leadership, education, advocacy, and other resources that enable clinical pharmacists to achieve excellence in practice and research.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

1. Advocate for amendment of the Social Security Act to add pharmacists to the group of recognized providers of health services.
2. Double funding support provided for research awards and fellowships by the ACCP/Pharmacy Research Institute.
3. Double the number of ACCP/Pharmacy members who are board certified.

Mission

To enhance the quality and effectiveness of health care by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

1. To establish and promote the highest clinical standards and ethical ideals;
2. To be the foremost comprehensive education and information resource for all internists;
3. To advocate responsible positions on individual health and on public policy relating to health care for the benefit of the public, our patients, the medical profession, and our members;
4. To serve the professional needs of the membership, support healthy lives for physicians, and advance internal medicine as a career;
5. To promote and conduct research to enhance the quality of practice, the education and continuing education of internists, and the attractiveness of internal medicine to physicians and the public;
6. To recognize excellence and distinguished contributions to internal medicine;
7. To unify the many voices of internal medicine and its subspecialties for the benefit of our patients, our members, and our profession.

Mission

Reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

1. Support professional education in the area of cardiovascular disease and stroke by providing healthcare professionals up-to-date research guidelines, education and information relevant to clinical practice, funding research, and publishing scientific journals (e.g., Circulation, Circulation Research, Stroke, Hypertension, and Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology);
2. Increase efforts and opportunities for the continued improvement of cardiovascular disease quality improvement through the development and dissemination of: scientific guidelines and statements; tools to implement scientific guidelines and statements; and educational materials for the general public and patients around primary and secondary prevention, risk factors and warning signs;
3. Advocate for cardiovascular disease and stroke patients, which might include prescription drug coverage, risk factor screening, and quality improvement initiatives.

American Medical Association

Mission

To promote the art and science of medicine and the betterment of the public health.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

1. Improving patient safety by reducing risks and errors.
2. Clinical Quality Improvement.
3. Clinical Performance Improvement.

American Nurses Association

Mission

Nurses advancing our profession to improve health for all.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

1. Work for the improvement of health standards and availability of health care services for all people
2. Foster high standards of nursing
3. Stimulate and promote the professional development of nurse

American Pharmacists Association

Mission

Provides information, education and advocacy to help all pharmacists improve medication use and advance patient care.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

Expand access to and promote the value of pharmacist's care-giving services in obtaining positive health outcomes through optimal use of medications.

American Public Health Association

Mission

The American Public Health Association (APHA), founded over 133 years ago has continued to evolve throughout the decades to meet the increasing challenges of public health and the public health community. APHA has remained consistent in its mission to improve the public's health and to achieve equity in health status for all.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

1. Ensuring universal access to health care to include therapeutics
2. Eliminating disparities in health to include access to therapeutics
3. Building an effective public health infrastructure to protect the public.

American Society of Consultant Pharmacists Foundation

Mission

The mission of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP) Foundation is to improve the health and well-being of older persons through appropriate, effective, and safe medication use. The ASCP Foundation provides leadership, innovation, and expertise in medicines and aging to seniors and those who care for them. The unique focus of the ASCP Foundation is the development, integration, and application of knowledge regarding medication use in the senior population and the practice of senior care pharmacy to optimize health care outcomes.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

1. Fund, coordinate, and conduct research that centers on geriatric pharmacotherapy and senior care pharmacy practice.
2. Design, conduct, coordinate, and fund educational programs and initiatives that enhance appropriate, effective, and safe medication use in the senior population.
3. Address the information and education needs of consumers, families, caregivers, healthcare professionals, and the aging network regarding appropriate medication use in the senior population.

Mission

ASHP believes that the mission of pharmacists is to help people make the best use of medications. The mission of ASHP is to advance and support the professional practice of pharmacists in hospitals and health systems and serve as their collective voice on issues related to medication use and public health.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

1. Publish and maintain continuously a comprehensive, unbiased, comparative, and evaluative drug information resource for physicians, pharmacists, and other health professionals (AHFS Drug Information-print and various electronic formats).
2. Facilitate the development and dissemination of evidence-based professional consensus on important therapeutic controversies.
3. Promote fail-safe medication use in hospitals and health systems.
4. Encourage pharmacy departments in hospitals and health-systems to become formally engaged in implementing national quality indicators in drug therapy.

The ASHP Leadership Agenda focuses on:

1. Promoting fail-safe medication use in health systems;
2. Fostering evidence-based medication use in health systems;
3. Expanding access to the patient care services of health-system pharmacists;
4. Helping health-system pharmacists deal with the affordability and accessibility of pharmaceuticals;
5. Fostering an adequate supply of practitioners and practice leaders in health-system pharmacy.

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Research and Education Foundation

Mission

The mission of the ASHP Foundation is to improve the health and well being of patients in hospitals and health systems through appropriate, safe and effective medication use. The Foundation provides leadership and conducts education and research activities that foster the coordination of interdisciplinary medication management leading to optimal patient outcomes. Emphasis is given to programs that will have a major impact on advancing pharmacy practice in hospitals and health systems, thereby improving public health.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

1. Design and Study of Safe and Effective Medication-Use Systems
2. Advancement of Optimal Patient Medication Outcomes
3. Expansion of Pharmacists' Direct Patient Care and Leadership Roles

Arthritis Foundation

Mission

The mission of the Arthritis Foundation is to improve lives through leadership in the prevention, control and cure of arthritis and related diseases.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

Top objectives/ goals relative to optimizing the care of people with arthritis:

1. Reduce arthritis pain
2. Reduce activity limitations due to arthritis
3. Reduce racial disparities in arthritis care
4. Promote visits to competent arthritis care providers

Arthritis Foundation (Maryland Chapter)

Mission

The mission of the Arthritis Foundation (Maryland Chapter) is to improve lives through leadership in the prevention, control and cure of arthritis and related diseases.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

1. To support a unique and effective mix of research through the Arthritis Foundation Research Program (including national and chapter grants to support clinical and health services and outcomes research. See Project summary for example.)
2. To obtain Medicare coverage for outpatient prescription drugs and biologic therapies, as a national leader working with other stake holders in this debate, by 2003, and for arthritis education activities, by 2004, to facilitate the control of arthritis.*
3. To validate and implement, by 2006, the Arthritis Foundation Quality Indicator Set (AFQuIP) into performance measurement systems designed to improve arthritis quality of care in provider, health care organization, and consumer settings. (See Project Summary)
4. To provide high-quality, unbiased consumer education materials on therapeutics (e.g. brochures on specific medications, annual Drug Guide, press releases on new medications etc.)

*Information provided in 2003

Association of American Medical Colleges

Mission

The mission of the AAMC is to improve the health of the public by enhancing the effectiveness of the nation's medical schools and teaching hospitals. The AAMC pursues its mission by assisting academic medicine's institutions, organizations, and individuals in carrying out their responsibilities for: educating the physician and medical science workforce; discovering new medical knowledge; developing innovative technologies for prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of disease; providing health care services in academic settings.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

Discovering new medical knowledge

Mission

1. Reduce targeted catheter-associated adverse events by 50% in 5 years.
2. Reduce targeted surgery-associated adverse events by 50% in 5 years.
3. Reduce targeted antimicrobial-resistant infections by 50% in 5 years.
4. Reduce mortality and hospitalizations attributable to respiratory tract infections among long-term care patients by 50% in 5 years.
5. Eliminate microbiology laboratory errors that cause adverse patient events in 5 years.
6. Eliminate occupational needle injuries among healthcare personnel in 5 years.
7. Achieve 100% adherence to CDC guidelines for immunization of healthcare personnel in 5 years.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

1. Educate clinicians about the most appropriate use of antimicrobials in the healthcare setting (12 steps program).
2. Conduct intervention studies to improve prophylactic use of antimicrobials in surgical patients.
3. Conduct intervention studies to reduce the transmission of antimicrobial-resistant pathogens in healthcare settings.

Centers for Education & Research on Therapeutics

Mission

To conduct research and provide education that will advance the optimal use of drugs, medical devices, and biological products.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

1. Increase awareness of both the uses and risks of new drugs and drug combinations, biological products, and devices as well as of mechanisms to improve their safe and effective use
2. To provide clinical information to patients and consumers; health care providers; pharmacists, pharmacy benefit managers, and purchasers; health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and health care delivery systems; insurers; and government agencies
3. To improve quality while reducing cost of care by increasing the appropriate use of drugs, biological products, and devices and by preventing their adverse effects and consequences of these effects (such as unnecessary hospitalizations)
4. The conduct of research on the comparative effectiveness, cost-effectiveness, and safety of drugs, biological products, and devices.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Mission

Assure health care security for beneficiaries. In serving beneficiaries, we will open our programs to full partnership with the entire health community to improve quality and efficiency in an evolving health care system. Among our goals is to protect and improve beneficiary health and satisfaction and provide leadership in the broader health care marketplace to improve health.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

1. Improve quality of care and health outcomes for the beneficiaries of CMS programs.
2. Protect beneficiaries from substandard or unnecessary care.
3. Continually improve CMS programs and operations by actively seeking and responding to the input of beneficiaries and the health care community.

Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare

Mission

CAQH is a not-for-profit alliance of health plans and networks that promotes collaborative initiatives to help make healthcare more affordable, share knowledge to improve the quality of care, and make administration easier for physicians and their patients.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

To increase appropriate use of antibiotics and reduce antibiotic resistance. To improve long term adherence to treatment recommendations post-myocardial infarction.

Drug and Therapeutics Information Service (DATIS)

Mission

The Drug and Therapeutics Information Service's mission is to facilitate better patient outcomes by supporting clinical decision-making through delivery of personalized, unbiased, practical and evidence-based counsel to health care practitioners, especially those in primary care.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

1. To improve health care quality and safety through effective use of research-validated academic detailing concepts.
2. To assist primary care providers translate best evidence into clinical practice.
3. To prove the sustainability and value of long term relationships between primary care providers and locally situated health care extension services.
4. To embrace with the primary care provider areas of clinical uncertainty and controversy.

Food and Drug Administration

Mission

The FDA is responsible for protecting the public health by assuring the safety, efficacy, and security of human and veterinary drugs, biological products, medical devices, our nation's food supply, cosmetics, and products that emit radiation. The FDA is also responsible for advancing the public health by helping to speed innovations that make medicines and foods more effective, safer, and more affordable; and helping the public get the accurate, science-based information they need to use medicines and foods to improve their health.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

1. Use science-based efficient risk management in all Agency regulatory activities, so that the Agency's limited resources can provide the most health promotion and protection at the least cost for the public.
2. Enable consumers to make smarter decisions by getting them better information to weigh the benefits and risks of FDA-regulated products.
3. Seek continuous improvements in patient and consumer safety by reducing risks associated with FDA-regulated products.
4. Strengthen FDA's capability to identify, prepare for, and respond to terrorist threats and incidents.

Mission

Founded in 1899, the National Consumers League is America's pioneer consumer advocacy organization. Its mission is to protect and promote social and economic justice for consumers and workers in the United States and abroad. Today, NCL uses research, education and advocacy to empower, defend, and represent consumers' interests on such issues as health care, food and drug safety, child labor and sweatshops, corporate social responsibility, personal finance, technology and telecommunications, and consumer fraud. NCL provides a wide range of consumer information and links to other relevant and useful sites through its main Web site, www.nclnet.org.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

1. Provide useful and reliable information to consumers about the safe and appropriate use of medications.
2. Promote communication between consumers and their health care providers to improve consumer understanding of the medications they take.
3. Improve risk communication about medications so that consumers are better able to weigh the risks and benefits of medications.

National Council on Patient Information and Education

Mission

Formed in 1982 as one of the original patient safety coalitions, NCPIE's mission is to improve communication between health care professionals and patients/consumers about the safe, appropriate use of medicines. Its over 120 coalition members include health professional associations, consumer and patient advocacy groups, pharmaceutical manufacturers, academic institutions, and state and federal government agencies (e.g., FDA, AHRQ, Administration on Aging). NCPIE maintains two websites: <http://www.talkaboutrx.org> and <http://www.bemedwise.org>

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

1. Pursuant to “Healthy People 2010” (objective #17-4) and Public Law 104-180, promote the development and awareness of enhanced written consumer medicine information (leaflets that accompany prescriptions obtained at pharmacies), in accordance with guidelines for “usefulness.”
2. Promote public and professional awareness of the importance of oral counseling (at the point of prescribing and dispensing) as a supplement to distribution of written consumer medicine information (see “Healthy People 2010” Objective #17-5).
3. Six of the top 10 most frequently used medicines are available without a prescription. Promote the safe, appropriate use of non-prescription medicines by encouraging consumers to: (1) ask questions of health professionals prior to using OTC products, and (2) read carefully the “Drug Facts” label.

Mission

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) conducts and supports basic and applied research to better understand, treat, and ultimately prevent infectious, immunologic, and allergic diseases. For more than 50 years, NIAID research has led to new therapies, vaccines, diagnostic tests, and other technologies that have improved the health of millions of people in the United States and around the world.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

Support preclinical discovery and development of new and improved therapeutics:

1. Further the understanding of self-tolerance, tolerance induction, and afferent and efferent pathways of the immune response to aid development of new therapeutics.
2. Support in vitro screening and animal-model testing of potential therapeutics.
3. Make specialized resources available for clinical and preclinical testing of therapeutics.
4. Maintain clinical trial networks to evaluate the safety and efficacy of therapeutic strategies.

Impact the clinical management of HIV infection:

1. Further the understanding of HIV biology and HIV-host interactions to identify new viral and cellular targets for novel therapeutics and microbicides.
2. Support chemical and biological databases, pharmacology, toxicology, analytical chemistry and drug manufacturing for the development of new HIV therapeutics.
3. Provide tissue-based small animal models for HIV drug discovery and in vitro virologic and immunologic evaluations for anti-HIV drugs and microbicides.
4. Support development of new strategies for the prevention and treatment of HIV, its complications, and co-infections.

Support biodefense research, pursuing development of new and improved products designed to prevent, diagnose, and treat diseases caused by potential agents of bioterrorism.

Mission

NPC conducts, supports and disseminates research for health care decision makers and public and private payers on behalf of the research-based pharmaceutical industry. NPC has three major strategies:

1. Development of intellectual assets.
2. Partnering with member companies and outside organizations to achieve maximum impact.
3. Direct dissemination of programs and products

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

Replace component management with a systems approach to pharmaceutical therapy based on:

1. Integrating total patient care;
2. Recognizing the total cost/benefit over time;
3. Aligning incentives;
4. Developing more accurate measures for integrated care.

Foster appropriate use of pharmaceuticals through:

1. Timely and accurate diagnosis;
2. Initiation of treatment for diagnosed conditions;
3. Rapid adoption of "state-of-the-art" therapies;
4. Patient compliance with treatment regimens.

Mission

The National Quality Forum's mission is to improve the quality of American healthcare by: setting national priorities and goals for performance improvement; endorsing national consensus standards for measuring and publicly reporting on performance; and promoting the attainment of national goals through education and outreach programs.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

The specific goals of NQF are to:

1. Promote collaborative efforts to improve the quality of the nation's healthcare through performance measurement and public reporting;
2. Develop a national strategy for measuring and reporting healthcare quality;
3. Standardize healthcare performance measures so that comparable data are available across the nation (i.e., establish national voluntary consensus standards);
4. Promote consumer understanding and use of healthcare performance measures and other quality information;
5. Promote and encourage the enhancement of system capacity to evaluate and report on healthcare quality.

Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America

Mission

The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) represents the country's leading pharmaceutical research and biotechnology companies, which are devoted to inventing medicines that allow patients to live longer, healthier, and more productive lives. PhRMA members invested an estimated \$38.8 billion in 2004 in discovering and developing new medicines. PhRMA companies are leading the way in the search for new cures.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

One of PhRMA's principal missions is to improve the regulatory environment for drug development and provide a platform for education and communication on the importance of the pharmaceutical research and development process to society.

Mission

USP promotes the public health by developing and disseminating quality standards and information for medicines, healthcare delivery, and related products and practices. Our standards and information help patients and practitioners maintain and improve health.

Top objectives/goals relative to optimizing the use of therapeutics:

1. Eliminate fatal medication errors
2. Ensure the safe use of medications
3. Reduce the burden of medication errors

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Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy	AMCP's Format for Formulary Submissions	formulary decision making, evidence based medicine	48
American Academy of Nursing	Expert Panel on Acute and Critical Care	acute and critical care, educational symposia, guidelines/treatment standards, geriatrics, nursing	49
American Association of Retired Persons	Medication Use Campaign	doctor/patient relationship, compliance, drug interactions, side effects, comparative effectiveness	50
American Association of Retired Persons	Evidence-Based Research	comparative effectiveness, drug safety, evidence-based research, side effects	51
American College of Cardiology	CERTs - Duke University Medical Center	clinical trials, research, guidelines, quality indicators, performance, outcome, quality cycle, appropriateness criteria	52
American College of Cardiology	National Cardiovascular Data Registry: NCDR ®	guidelines, quality indicators, performance, outcome, registry	52
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Project Summaries

Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy

ID: AMCP-001

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: On-line Drug-Drug Interaction Initiative

Description: Drug-drug interaction system improvement

Key Words: drug-drug interactions, online drug utilization review

Partners: American Pharmacists Association, National Association of Chain Drug Stores, National Community Pharmacy Association, American Society for Automation in Pharmacy, US Pharmacopeia

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: Partners Description: drug database vendors

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Year Added: 2004

Last Update: 2005

ID: AMCP-002

Status: Completed

Title: AMCP's Framework for Quality Drug Therapy

Description: Total quality improvement tool for pharmacists and pharmacy systems

Key Words: quality improvement in delivery of pharmaceuticals, self-assessment, enhancement of quality

Partners: Caremark Rx, Fallon Community Health Plan, Indian Health Service, Veterans Administration

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: Pharmacists practicing in any setting; pharmacy system administrators

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Last Update: 2005

ID: AMCP-003

Status: Completed

Title: AMCP's Format for Formulary Submissions

Description: Tool for providing pharmacy and therapeutics (P&T) committees with evidence based medicine documentation for making formulary inclusion decisions

Key Words: formulary decision making, evidence based medicine

Partners: Health plan and PBMs providing pharmacy benefits to over 150 million Americans; Department of Defense; Veterans Administration

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: Pharmacy and therapeutics committees of health care systems

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Last Update: 2005

American Academy of Nursing

ID: AAN-001

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Expert Panel on Acute and Critical Care

Description: The expert panel on Acute and Critical Care consist of nurses who are fellows in the American Academy of Nursing who have a focus on issues in acute and critical care nursing practice. The AAN Expert Panels function as a national think tank mechanism and are constituted from the top nursing leaders in the country elected by their peers to the AAN. Expert Panels represent the working groups of the Academy performing the critical knowledge analysis, summary, and integration for transforming healthcare policy and practice. They provide a flexible and efficient mechanism by which Fellows may address emerging issues within the nursing profession and concerns for the health of the public, in order to:

1. Initiate exploration of trends and issues important to health care delivery and policy;
2. Recommend actions to the Board of Directors and the Fellowship;
3. Provide expert opinion on issues critical to the provision of health care and the well-being of the American people; and
4. Prepare documents that reflect the synthesis of philosophic and scientific knowledge aligned with the strategic directions of the Academy.

The Expert Panel on Acute and Critical Care has completed several projects, including:

1. With funding from Nurse Competence in Aging (NCA) Specialty Nursing Association Partner in Geriatrics (SNAPG), completed a consensus document addressing strategies to reduce deterioration in hospitalized elders.
2. Based on work on the consensus document, submitted eight manuscripts for publication in the journal Critical Care Nursing Clinics.
3. Coordinated a symposium at the 2006 State of the Science in Nursing Research Congress addressing the theme "Methodological and Design Challenges in Acute Care Research.
4. A subgroup of panel members contributed two chapters to a forthcoming book, "Advances in Patient Safety and Quality - An Evidence-Based Handbook for Nurses," being published by AHRQ.

Key Words: acute and critical care, educational symposia, guidelines/treatment standards, geriatrics, nursing

Partners: Nurse Competence in Aging (NCA) Specialty Nursing Association Partner in Geriatrics (SNAPG), Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners:

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Last Update:

American Association of Retired Persons

ID: AARP-001

Status: Planned and will start within year

Title: Medication Use Campaign

Description: AARP is using 2005 to plan and develop a medication use campaign that will launch in 2006. The campaign may include consumer information on: making informed decisions about medication options; avoiding medication errors, adverse drug reactions and drug-drug interactions; underuse and overuse of medications; use of inappropriate medication; comparative effectiveness; enhancing medication compliance; enhancing doctor/pharmacist and patient communications; and personal medication records. Many of these issues have been addressed in an on-line medication use learning course that will appear on AARP's website in Spring 2005.

Key Words: doctor/patient relationship, compliance, drug interactions, side effects, comparative effectiveness

Partners: AARP will enter into partnerships with organizations that share an interest in appropriate medication use.

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: Parters may include: national physician organizations, AARP Health Guide partners, allied health professional groups, health care purchasers and companies; pharmacist associations, and chain drugstores. We also seek to join other relavent coalitions.

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Last Update: 2005

ID: AARP-002

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Evidence-Based Research

Description: In February 2005, AARP unveiled its drug safety and effectiveness program at <http://www.aarp.org/researchRx>. This program incorporates evidence-based research of the Drug Evidence-based Practice Center. Components of AARP's program include simplified comparative information about prescription drug safety and costs, accessible by health condition and/or by specific drug. The online information includes all therapeutic classes reviewed by OHSU to date; this will be updated and new classes added as OHSU completes their work.

Key Words: comparative effectiveness, drug safety, evidence-based research, side effects

Partners: Current partners are AARP's state chapters.

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: Additional partners are sought to help fund research about consumer and health provider opinions about evidence-based research, and to help develop educational products for both audiences.

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Last Update: 2005

American College of Cardiology

ID: ACC-001

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: CERTs - Duke University Medical Center

Description: The goals of this project are to develop and enhance methodologies for translating research into practice. Specific objectives include developing a focus update process for guidelines, developing mobile guideline applications, examining the use and development of appropriateness criteria, evaluating physician perceptions of guidelines and performance measures, interviews with guideline developers on challenges to constructing useful guidelines, the evolution of guideline grading schemes, the use of guidelines to develop research priorities, methods for updating established performance measures, and disseminating and interpreting FDA alerts for physicians.

Key Words: clinical trials, research, guidelines, quality indicators, performance, outcome, quality cycle, appropriateness criteria

Partners: Duke University Medical Center

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners:

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Last Update: 2007

ID: ACC-002

Status: Currently Ongoing

Title: National Cardiovascular Data Registry: NCDR ®

Description: Leading provider of services to improve the quality of cardiovascular care through the collection, analysis, and reporting of data and providing educational and research activities. Registries include ACTION Registry™ (ACS), Cath PCI Registry™, ICD Registry™, and CARE Registry™ (carotid)

Key Words: guidelines, quality indicators, performance, outcome, registry

Partners: ICD Registry™ – HRS; CARE Registry™ -- SCAI and SIR

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners:

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Last Update:

ID: ACC-003

Status: Currently Ongoing

Title: Innovation in Intervention: i2 Summit

Description: Offers outstanding educational sessions, live cases from sites around the globe, late-breaking clinical trials, late-breaking emerging technologies, simulations, abstract presentations.

Key Words: education, live cases, clinical trials, simulations

Partners: SCAI

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners:

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Last Update:

American College of Clinical Pharmacology

ID: ACCP-001

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Educational Symposia

Description: An educational symposia featured during the annual meeting in the fall of each year.

Key Words: educational symposia

Partners: Partners for two of the symposia are ASCPT and AAPS.

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners:

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Last Update: 2007

American College of Clinical Pharmacy

ID: ACCP/Pharmacy-001

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Pharmacotherapy Self-Assessment Program (PSAP) (5th edition)

Description: Comprehensive, modular-based home-study program that updates and assesses pharmacotherapy knowledge in 19 therapeutic areas.

Key Words: pharmacotherapy, self-assessment, recertification program for pharmacotherapy specialists certified by the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties

Partners: American Society of Health-System Pharmacists

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: Promote PSAP use by their members.

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Last Update: 2005

ID: ACCP/Pharmacy-002

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Updates in Therapeutics

Description: Live programming at ACCP spring meetings each year, followed by web-based updates on more than 60 therapeutic topics in pharmacotherapy, psychiatry, oncology, and nutrition support. www.accp.com

Key Words: on-line, drug therapy, education

Partners: None

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: Promote use by their members.

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Last Update: 2005

ID: ACCP/Pharmacy-003

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Pediatric Medication Education Text, 4th Edition

Description: More than 200 monographs written at 6th grade level in English and Spanish for use in patient education.

Key Words: pediatrics, drug information, patient education

Partners: None

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners:

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Last Update: 2005

American Heart Association/American Stroke Association

ID: AHA-001

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: The Cholesterol Low Down

Description: The Cholesterol Low Down teaches families what they can do to manage their cholesterol, including diet, exercise and therapeutics.

Key Words: cholesterol, prevention, diet, exercise, AHA, risk factors, education, treatment

Partners:

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: The American Heart Association would be interested in collaborative activities to increase awareness and compliance with guidelines.

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Last Update: 2007

ID: AHA-002

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Heart of Diabetes

Description: The Heart of Diabetes works by first giving people the knowledge they need in managing their Diabetes, including diet, exercise and therapeutics.

Key Words: diabetes, prevention, diet, exercise, AHA, risk factor, education, treatment

Partners: Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America, Inc.

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: The American Heart Association would be interested in collaborative activities to increase awareness and compliance with guidelines.

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ID: AHA-003

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Heart Profilers

Description: Through a series of online questions, Heart Profilers provides patients treatment options for a variety of cardiovascular disease risk factors, including condition specific therapeutics.

Key Words: secondary prevention, diet, exercise, AHA, risk factors, education, treatment

Partners: Nexcura, KOS Pharmaceuticals

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: The American Heart Association would be interested in collaborative activities to increase awareness and compliance with guidelines.

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ID: AHA-004

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Get With The Guidelines

Description: The Get With The Guidelines program is a rapid cycle quality improvement hospital-based program that helps improve patient outcomes. This program makes it possible for the healthcare provider team to consistently treat every patient in the hospital setting with the most updated guideline information.

Key Words: guidelines, secondary prevention, quality indicators, performance, outcome, quality improvement, hospital implementation, concurrent data entry, real-time benchmarking

Partners: Hospitals, physician groups, medical professional associations such as nursing & C-suite, Health Systems, QIOs, Health Plans, Health Departments

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: The American Heart Association would be interested in collaborative activities to increase awareness and compliance with guidelines.

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American Medical Association

ID: AMA-001

Status:

Title: Diagnosis and Management of Foodborne Illnesses: A Primer for Physicians and Other Health Care Professionals

Description: This is a popular educational/awareness project on management of foodborne illnesses directed at healthcare professionals. It was done in collaboration with the FDA, CDC, USDA, and the American Nurses Association. A free hard-copy CME product has been distributed to over 17,000 healthcare professionals; it currently is being translated into Spanish. A version for personal digital assistants (PDAs) also is available.

Key Words: education, awareness, foodborne illnesses

Partners:

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners:

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Year Added: 2005

Last Update: 2005

ID: AMA-002

Status:

Title: The National Influenza Vaccine Summit

Description: Co-sponsored by the CDC and the AMA, this annual summit includes nearly 100 organizations from the fields of influenza vaccine research, production, distribution, promotion and advocacy. This collaborative group focuses on influenza vaccine issues that are important to achieve the Healthy People 2010 goals. Additionally, throughout the year, the Summit participants collaborate to address barriers that may hinder influenza vaccination rates. These activities range from addressing payment problems, to communicating nationally on the benefits of influenza vaccination, to creating tools to facilitate the provision of vaccine.

Key Words: vaccines, research, production, distribution, promotion, advocacy

Partners: Co-sponsored by CDC and AMA

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners:

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Year Added: 2005

Last Update: 2005

ID: AMA-003

Status:

Title: Hepatitis C Physician Education Monograph for Primary Care Physicians

Description: A CME monograph with accompanying patient information on the diagnosis and management of hepatitis C infection. Targeted at the primary care physician, the monograph includes information on the initial testing for hepatitis C, on when to refer the patient to a specialist, on the long-term management of the patient with chronic infection, and the counseling of infected patients.

Key Words: Hepatitis C, physician education, doctor/patient relationship

Partners:

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners:

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Year Added: 2005

Last Update: 2005

ID: AMA-004

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Enhancing Adult Immunization in the United States

Description: A new initiative with both outreach and legislative efforts to improve the overall rates for adult immunization in the United States. In particular, efforts will be initially focused on collaborating with immunization partners to develop strong adult immunization policies to procure adult vaccines and to provide outreach to the public and to physicians on the importance of adult immunization.

Key Words: immunization, adults, legislation

Partners:

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners:

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Year Added: 2005

Last Update: 2005

ID: AMA-005

Status: Projected

Title: Improving Appropriate Antimicrobial Use and Reducing Resistance by Primary Care Physicians

Description: Currently in discussion is an educational initiative to highlight the appropriate use of new antimicrobials. An educational session at one of the AMA's meetings is in consideration. This part of the initiative is subject to funding. Another part of this initiative involves the national dissemination of a compendium of guidances on appropriate use of antibiotics. This compendium was produced by the CA Medical Association and the AMA is working with them on a potential national distribution of the compendium.

Key Words: educational initiative, appropriate use, new antimicrobials

Partners:

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners:

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Year Added: 2005

Last Update: 2005

American Pharmacists Association

ID: APA-001

Status: Planned and will start within year

Title: Maximizing the pharmacist's role in risk management

Description: Exploring use of a performance-based group of pharmacists and pharmacies to improve risk management initiatives.

Key Words: pharmacist, pharmacy

Partners: None

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: Academia, industry, other health professional organizations

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Last Update: 2003

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists

ID: ASHP-001

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: ASHP Therapeutic Position Statement on Strategies for Preventing and Treating Osteoporosis

Description: This document supports the use of appropriate pharmacotherapy for the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis. Osteoporosis is a serious health disorder characterized by low bone mineral density and microarchitectural deterioration of bone tissue, leading to bone fragility. The document will focus on medications that have been shown to increase bone mineral density and prevent fractures. Appropriate drug selection depends on several patient specific factors. Many patients at risk for osteoporosis or who have sustained an osteoporotic fracture remain undiagnosed or untreated.

Key Words: osteoporosis, low bone mineral density, microarchitectural deterioration of bone tissue, calcium, vitamin D, bisphosphonates, SERMS, calcitonin, and estrogen

Partners: None

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: ASHP would be interested in collaborative activities to increase awareness and compliance with regard to treatment and prevention of osteoporosis.

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Last Update: 2005

ID: ASHP-002

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: ASHP Therapeutic Position Statement on the Safe Use of Oral Nonprescription Analgesics

Description: This is a revision of a current therapeutic position statement (TPS) which was approved by the ASHP Board of Directors on November 14, 1998, and published in AJHP in 1999. The document still provides valuable guidance; however, it needs to be updated to include current references and additional information on breast-feeding and concomitant use of oral nonprescription analgesics, coadministration of aspirin and ibuprofen, cautions and dosing recommendations on the use of acetaminophen and alcohol, and herbals that contain salicylates.

Key Words: breast-feeding, oral nonprescription analgesics, aspirin, ibuprofen, acetaminophen, alcohol, herbals and salicylates

Partners: None

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: Experts to collaborate in document development, review of dissemination of information.

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Last Update: 2005

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Foundation

ID: ASHPF-001

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Federal Services Junior Investigators Research Grant Program: Optimizing Chronic Drug Therapy in the Elderly

Description: Research grant program custom-designed to meet the needs of practitioners in the federal services (Department of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and U.S. Public Health Service). Four to six grants are available in the \$10,000 to \$25,000 range for each award. Projects should focus on optimizing drug therapy in elderly patients that are federal healthcare beneficiaries. Grants are available to junior investigators within 5 years of completion of their terminal degree or postgraduate training or have professional experience greater than 5 years and no more than two externally funded research projects as a principal investigator. Investigators should be pharmacists, physicians, or nurse practitioners. Applications and additional information may be obtained by visiting the ASHP Foundation Web site: www.ashpfoundation.org and clicking on "Funding Opportunities."

Key Words: grants, pharmacy, nursing, physicians, junior investigators, research, chronic drug therapy, elderly, federal services

Partners: Novartis Pharmaceuticals sponsors the program through the ASHP Foundation.

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: The ASHP Foundation would like to partner with other organizations to promote the availability of the program to pharmacists, physicians and nurse practitioners who practice in the federal sector. There are also opportunities for interested grant reviewers.

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Last Update: 2005

ID: ASHPF-002

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Junior Investigator Research Grant Program

Description: The ASHP Foundation is offering a new research grant program that will support health services research in medication use that is conducted by pharmacist junior investigators. The principal investigator must be a junior researcher within 5 years of completion of his/her terminal degree or postgraduate training or have professional experience greater than 5 years and no more than two externally funded research projects as a principal investigator. A senior investigator must participate on the research team as a mentor/advisor. Two to three research projects will be funded through this grant program. A total of \$20,000 is available and will be divided between two to three recipients. Applications and additional information may be obtained by visiting the ASHP Foundation Web site: www.ashpfoundation.org and clicking on "Funding Opportunities."

Key Words: grants, pharmacy, junior investigators, research, health services

Partners:

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: The ASHP Foundation would like to partner with other organizations to promote the availability of the program. There are also opportunities for interested grant reviewers.

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Last Update: 2005

ID: ASHPF-003

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Pharmacy/Nursing Partnership for Medication Safety Research Grant Program

Description: The ASHP Foundation is offering a research grant program designed to support the collaboration of pharmacists and nurses in the conduct of research designed to study new processes and design characteristics that will improve the safety and effectiveness of the medication-use system in hospitals and health systems. The research team must be multidisciplinary in nature. The co-principal investigators for the project must be a pharmacist and a nurse. A total of \$80,000 is available and will be divided between one to three recipients. Grants are awarded to provide funding for specific projects conducted by pharmacist/nursing research teams that address collaboration in the medication-use system to foster improvements in patient care and are not intended for long-term support of research programs. Applications and additional information may be obtained by visiting the ASHP Foundation Web site: www.ashpfoundation.org and clicking on "Funding Opportunities."

Key Words: grants, pharmacy, nurses, research, medication safety

Partners: Omnicell sponsors the program through the ASHP Foundation.

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: The ASHP Foundation would like to partner with other organizations to promote the availability of the program. There are also opportunities for interested grant reviewers.

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Last Update: 2005

Arthritis Foundation

ID: AF-001

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Arthritis Foundation Quality Indicator Set (AFQuIP) project

Description: This project was designed to develop, validate and foster implementation of a core set of indicators to be used as the basis for arthritis care quality measurement and performance improvement. Indicators were developed for Osteoarthritis, Rheumatoid Arthritis and analgesic utilization. Since the completion of the AFQuIP set in 2002, a number of organizations have utilized the indicators to assist in efforts to improve arthritis care. The Arthritis Foundation partnered with the National Committee for Quality Assurance to specify and field-test potential performance measures for inclusion in the Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set (HEDIS). As a result of this collaboration, a measure focused on the use of Disease Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drugs (DMARDs) in people with Rheumatoid Arthritis will be added to HEDIS in 2006. In addition, in projects focused on osteoarthritis and pain management, the AFQuIP indicators have been used by the Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement, the American Medical Association (AMA), and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). Osteoarthritis measures based on AFQuIP indicators are also part of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) Doctor's Office Quality project. The Arthritis Foundation would like to continue to disseminate the AFQuIP set and will submit the indicators to the National Quality Measures Clearinghouse in 2005.

Key Words: quality, performance improvement, arthritis medications and care

Partners: RAND Health, the UAB CERTS, American College of Rheumatology, American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, American Association of Family Physicians, American Medical Association, American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine, Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals, National Committee for Quality Assurance, Foundation for Accountability, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, CDC, AARP, and others.

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: Professional, health services and other organizations interested in arthritis care quality and performance improvement

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Last Update: 2005

Arthritis Foundation (Maryland Chapter)

ID: AF(M)-001

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Engalitcheff Arthritis Outcomes Initiative

Description: The Arthritis Foundation, Maryland Chapter and the Center for Education and Research on Therapeutics at the University of Alabama are partnering to advance the knowledge of drug treatment issues in arthritis. The goal of the Engalitcheff Arthritis Outcomes Initiative is to improve the quality of life and health care outcomes of people with arthritis by fostering research to increase understanding about the efficacy and safety of new biologic agents.

The \$3 million collaboration will fund five 4-year grants that are selected through a national peer review process. The first grant was awarded in November 2002 and a second was awarded in 2003.

Key Words: arthritis, biologics, outcomes research

Partners: University of Alabama at Birmingham CERTs, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: Academic institutions and health care agencies and other organizations with an interest in the efficacy and safety of arthritis biologic agents are encouraged to collaborate with the awardees and applicants.

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Year Added: 2003

Last Update: 2004

Association of American Medical Colleges

ID: AAMC-001

Status: Completed

Title: Promoting Translational and Clinical Science: The Critical Role of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals

Description: An analysis of the state of translational and clinical research at medical schools and teaching hospitals, including best practices for the organization and financing of clinical research within academic medical centers, the training and career development of physician and other clinical investigators, and the support of infrastructure and community partnerships. This report presents the findings and major recommendations of the AAMC's Task Force II on Clinical Research.

Key Words:

Partners:

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners:

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ID: AAMC-002

Status: Completed

Title: Drug Development Science: Obstacles and Opportunities for Collaboration among Academia, Industry and Government

Description: A joint report produced by the AAMC and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration examines critical steps necessary to accelerate drug discovery and development. The product of a two-day, invitational conference with leaders from the pharmaceutical industry, academic science, and the Public Health Service, this report was stimulated by the high (and prohibitively expensive) failure rate for tentative drug candidates.

Key Words:

Partners: FDA

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Last Update:

ID: AAMC-003

Status: Completed

Title: Protecting Subjects, Preserving Trust, Promoting Progress: Policy and Guidelines for the Oversight of Individual Financial Interests in Human Subjects Research

Description: This first report of the AAMC Task Force on Financial Conflicts of Interest in Clinical Research provides guidance related to individual financial interests in human subjects research.

Key Words:

Partners:

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Last Update:

ID: AAMC-004

Status: Completed

Title: Protecting Subjects, Preserving Trust, Promoting Progress II: Principles and Recommendations for Oversight of an Institution's Financial Interests in Human Subjects Research

Description: This second report of the AAMC Task Force on Financial Conflicts of Interest in Clinical Research offers a conceptual framework for assessing institutional conflicts of interest and a set of specific recommendations for the oversight of certain financial interest in human subjects research. The guidelines highlight areas that, in the view of the AAMC's Task Force, are especially problematic and must therefore receive close scrutiny.

Key Words:

Partners:

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Last Update:

ID: AAMC-005

Status: Completed

Title: Principles for Protecting Integrity into Conduct and Reporting of Clinical Trials

Description: Public concern is high regarding the timely and complete reporting of clinical trial results, primarily when the trials are sponsored by the drug, biologicals, or device industries. Because academic researchers and their institutions often play a prominent role in such trials, these concerns challenge the integrity of the academic medical research community as well as the sponsors of the trials. The AAMC held a small invitational conference June 22-23, 2005, to address these concerns. The conference produced a set of principles and standards that should guide institutions and their investigators in the analysis and reporting of clinical trials in which they participate.

Key Words:

Partners: CERTS and the national Blue Cross Blue Shield Association

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Last Update:

ID: AAMC-006

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Task Force on Industry Support of Medical Education

Description: The task force will be charged to 1) examine, especially, the current interactions that drug and device makers have with the educational mission of medical schools and teaching hospitals, and 2) bring forth recommendations expeditiously for implementing safeguards to ensure that industry marketing efforts do not undermine the objectivity of educational programs or otherwise bias the evidence-based decision making of physicians.

Key Words:

Partners:

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Last Update:

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

ID: CMS-001

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Demonstration Projects

Description: CMS conducts and sponsors a number of innovative demonstration projects to test and measure the effect of potential program changes. Our demonstrations study the likely impact of new methods of service delivery, coverage of new types of service, and new payment approaches on beneficiaries, providers, health plans, [and] states, and the Medicare Trust Funds. Evaluation projects validate our research and demonstration findings and help us monitor the effectiveness of Medicare, Medicaid, and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

Key Words:

Partners:

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners:

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ID: CMS-002

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Research Data Assistance Center

Description: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/researchers/resdac.asp> The Research Data Assistance Center (ResDAC) provides free assistance to academic and non-profit researchers interested in using Medicare, Medicaid, SCHIP, and Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey (MCBS) data for research. Primary funding for ResDAC comes from a CMS research contract.

Key Words:

Partners: RedDAC is a consortium of faculty and staff from the University of Minnesota, Boston university, Dartmouth Medical School, and the Morehouse School of Medicine.

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: ResDAC offers a number of services for researchers with all levels of experience using or planning to use CMS data. Services include technical data assistance, information on available data resources, and training.

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Last Update: 2005

Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare

ID: CAQH-001

Status: Concluding in 2005

Title: Save Antibiotic Strength (SAS®)

Description: SAS is a program on both the national and local levels to educate Americans and to provide physicians with the information and tools they need to appropriately use antibiotics and reduce antibiotic resistance. Seven local pilot programs disseminate educational materials to physicians and consumers, and offer an employer program to provide related consumer education in the workplace. Quantitative and qualitative research has been conducted to assess attitudes, beliefs and behaviors about antibiotic utilization, and to see if health plan efforts are fostering improvement.

Key Words: antibiotics, antibiotic resistance, physician information, consumer information, employer information

Partners: National: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Alliance for the Prudent Use of Antibiotics; Local: CAQH member plans in San Diego, California, Norfolk, Virginia, Connecticut, Georgia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York are working with state health departments, academic medical centers and local chapters of national medical societies and specialty associations.

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ID: CAQH-002

Status: Concluding in 2005

Title: CAQH Cardiac Initiative
(heartBBEAT for life®)

Description: The heartBBEAT for life® is a national effort to develop and disseminate educational materials to physicians and patients to promote the long-term adherence to treatment recommendations after a heart attack. The program originally focused on adherence to beta-blockers after heart attack, and expanded to broader treatment recommendations in late-2004, including other post-MI medications and lifestyle recommendations. Tools for consumer and professional audiences have been designed and distributed through CAQH member health plans. Quantitative and qualitative research has been conducted to assess attitudes, beliefs and behaviors regarding adherence to treatment recommendations. Using administrative health plan data, measures have been designed that will assess long-term patient adherence to beta-blockers, ACE-Inhibitors/Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers and lipid-lowering medications at various intervals after a heart attack in order to assess the impact of the initiative.

Key Words: beta-blockers, adherence, heart attack, myocardial infarction, physician information, patient information

Partners: American Heart Association, American College of Cardiology, American College of Physicians, American Academy of Family Physicians, Duke University

Desire Additional Partners:

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Last Update: 2005

Drug and Therapeutics Information Service

ID: DATIS-001

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Improving Medication-related Outcomes

Description: The project applies service-oriented academic detailing strategies to support clinical decision-making by Kentucky primary care providers in the management of patients with type 2 diabetes or chronic non-malignant pain. Additional topics such as asthma are planned with expansion of the project.

Key Words: academic detailing, Type 2 diabetes, pain, asthma, clinical decision support, rural health, risk management, primary care, health care quality & safety, health care extension service

Partners: CDC

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Last Update: 2005

National Committee for Quality Assurance

ID: NCQA-001

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Testing Potential HEDIS Performance Measures

Description: Testing measure specifications on medication management in the elderly.

Key Words: managed care, quality improvement, performance measures, databases

Partners: CERTs HMO Research Network

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: Partners with access to multiple managed care claims databases and medical records for testing and validating HEDIS measure specifications in various clinical areas, including medication management in the elderly.

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Last Update: 2004

National Consumers League

ID: NCL-001

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: SOS Rx (Senior Outpatient Medication Safety)

Description: NCL is the convening organization of this collaborative, broad-based coalition dedicated to improving outpatient medication safety. Participating organizations pledge to work together to improve safety of outpatient medication use for all consumers, with initial focus on safe use by senior citizens. SOS Rx champions evidence-based initiatives to promote both health care system changes and specific actions by individual consumers. Current projects focus on targeting high-risk medications (such as oral anticoagulants see www.mybloodthinner.org); promoting personal medication records; and a clearinghouse of consumer health information. For more information visit www.sosrx.org.

Key Words: drug safety, outpatient medication, patient education, senior medication safety

Partners: More than 80 organizations, including consumer and patient safety organizations, physician, pharmacist and caregiver groups, employers, academics, businesses and government agencies are active in the coalition.

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: Organizations committed to improving outpatient medication safety, and willing to collaborate on innovative patient safety projects. The coalition relies on its partners to assist in developing projects and materials, as well as the dissemination of materials.

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Last Update:

National Council on Patient Information and Education

ID: NCPIE-001

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) Initiative

Description: NCPIE is serving as convener/coordinator of the private-sector CMI Initiative to meet federally-mandated goals: by 2006, 95% of patients receiving new prescriptions must be given written CMI that meets criteria for usefulness.

Key Words: drug information, patient education, patient safety, literacy, medicine communication

Partners: Over 2 dozen medicine information stakeholders

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: Organizations that help develop/produce written consumer medicine information (CMI), and/or that represent health care professionals who deliver written CMI; national consumer advocacy groups, health educators, health information designers, etc.

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Last Update: 2005

ID: NCPIE-002

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: "Be MedWise"

Description: Launched in 2002, "Be MedWise" is a public education campaign to promote the wise, appropriate use of non-prescription (over-the-counter) medicines. The campaign features electronic, print and broadcast media components, including the website <http://www.bemedwise.org>

Key Words: self-care, patient education, patient safety, OTC medicines

Partners: FDA, Office of US Surgeon General, APhA

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: Organizations that are committed to improving the safe, appropriate use of OTC medicines; trade groups, regulatory bodies, and other organizations that recognize the increasingly prevalent role of self-care in today's society, and who can provide resources to help educate consumers about their own responsibility in wise OTC use.

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Last Update: 2005

ID: NCPIE-003

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: "Talk About Prescriptions" Month

Description: This national health observance, sponsored by NCPIE, is held each October to highlight the important role of health professional-patient communication in promoting the safe, appropriate use of medicines. The October 2004 observance will focus on the role of written consumer medicine information.

Key Words: medicine communication, patient safety, drug information

Partners: NCPIE Members

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: Organizations dedicated to improving the usefulness of written consumer medicine information, and to helping empower consumers to "Talk About Prescriptions."

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Last Update: 2005

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

ID: NIAID - 001

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Regional Centers of Excellence (RCE) for Biodefense and Emerging Infectious Disease Research

Description: The Regional Centers of Excellence (RCE) for Biodefense and Emerging Infectious Disease Research are charged with developing and conducting programs of investigator-initiated research to develop new concepts for development of vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics for biodefense and emerging infectious diseases.
<http://www.rcebiodefense.org/>

Key Words:

Partners:

Desire Additional Partners:

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Last Update:

ID: NIAID - 002

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Challenge Grants for Biodefense and SARS Product Development

Description: The Challenge Grants for Biodefense and SARS Product Development support further development of already identified products against NIAID Category A, B, and C high priority pathogens and all stages of product development against Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), including vaccines, adjuvants, therapeutics, diagnostics, and research resources. <http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AI-03-016.html>

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Last Update:

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Status: Currently ongoing

Title: The Sexually Transmitted Infections and Topical Microbicides Cooperative Research Centers (STI TM CRCs)

Description: The Sexually Transmitted Infections and Topical Microbicides Cooperative Research Centers (STI TM CRCs) stimulate multidisciplinary, collaborative research that is focused on developing tools and strategies for prevention and control of STIs and diseases. The goal of this initiative is to emphasize research aiding in the development of vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics, and behavioral and social interventions. Identification and development of topical microbicide agents and formulations is a priority. <http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AI-03-042.html>

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Last Update:

ID: NIAID - 004

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: The International Collaborations in Infectious Disease Research (ICIDR)

Description: The International Collaborations in Infectious Disease Research (ICIDR) program supports high-quality, collaborative research that will lead to or result in prevention, amelioration, and/or improved treatment of tropical infectious diseases caused by protozoa and helminth parasites; increase relevant research experience for both U.S. and foreign investigators; and facilitate and enhance scientific linkages between U.S. and foreign investigators to enhance the independent research capacity of the collaborating foreign institutions and strengthen their scientific infrastructure for further international collaborative arrangements. <http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AI-04-017.html>

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Last Update:

ID: NIAID - 005

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Asthma and Allergic Diseases Cooperative Research Centers (AADCRC)

Description: The Asthma and Allergic Diseases Cooperative Research Centers (AADCRC) program support basic and clinical research on the immunological basis, pathobiology, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of asthma, and allergic diseases and to accelerate the application of fundamental knowledge of immune function to the investigation, prevention, and treatment of asthma and allergic diseases.
<http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AI-05-027.html>

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Year Added: 2007

Last Update:

ID: NIAID - 006

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: HIV/AIDS Clinical Trials Networks

Description: The HIV/AIDS Clinical Trials Networks strive to maximize collaboration, efficiency, and accountability in DAIDS-supported HIV prevention, vaccine and treatment clinical research by: (1) maximizing scientific opportunities by integrating and coordinating HIV/AIDS prevention, vaccine and therapeutic research and establishing flexible, responsive research networks; (2) building and strengthening HIV/AIDS research capacity, especially in resource-limited settings; (3) improving research efficiency through the shared use of key support services; and (4) strengthening evaluation methods to ensure that the highest research priorities are being addressed.
<http://www3.niaid.nih.gov/about/organization/daids/daidsnetworks.htm>
<http://www.niaid.nih.gov/daids/rfa/network06/>

Key Words:

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Year Added: 2007

Last Update:

ID: NIAID - 007

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Food and Waterborne Diseases Integrated Research Network (FWD IRN)

Description: The Food and Waterborne Diseases Integrated Research Network (FWD IRN) contract facilitates the integration of research programs to develop products to rapidly identify, prevent, and treat food and waterborne diseases that threaten public health. The FWD IRN: (1) evaluates vaccines, therapeutics, and rapid detection methods; (2) integrates human mucosal immunity with clinical research; (3) increases research and product development activities; and (4) includes the ecology and microbiology of food- and water-borne zoonoses as well as drug-resistant pathogens.
<http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-AI-02-046.html>

Key Words:

Partners:

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Last Update:

ID: NIAID - 008

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Evaluation of Control Measures Against Infectious Diseases Other Than AIDS

Description: The Evaluation of Control Measures Against Infectious Diseases Other Than AIDS contract incorporates novel vaccine and therapeutic technologies as they are developed into clinical trials. Clinical research will be carried out in the general population, including pediatric, adult and elderly subjects, as well as additional populations, when necessary, such as women of reproductive age, pregnant women, immunocompromised populations, non-U.S. populations, and populations with underlying medical conditions.
<http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-AI-06-037.html>

Key Words:

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Last Update:

ID: NIAID - 009

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Sexually Transmitted Diseases Clinical Trials Unit (STD CTU)

Description: The Sexually Transmitted Diseases Clinical Trials Unit (STD CTU) conducts clinical studies, Phase I and Phase II, to evaluate biomedical and behavioral interventions to prevent and control STDs.

Key Words:

Partners:

Desire Additional Partners:

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Year Added: 2007

Last Update:

National Pharmaceutical Council

ID: NPC-001

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: Pain Management Series

Description: NPC partnered with JCAHO on a two-phase project with the goal of contributing to the quality and safety of pain assessment, management and treatment for patients and consumers. The project's objectives are to (1) help establish the under-treatment of pain; (2) enhance dissemination of JCAHO's new pain management measurements and standards; (3) provide resources for organizations to implement and measure the use of evidence-based standards; and (4) to facilitate quality improvement efforts. Two monographs, "Pain: Current Understanding of Assessment, Management, and Treatments," and "Improving the Quality of Pain Management Through Measurement and Action," have been completed. Both monographs focus on non-malignant pain and were completed with the oversight of separate expert advisory panels. CE programs have been developed for physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists and physician assistants based on the first monograph. An addendum to the first monograph updating the therapeutic agents available for pain management is in progress. CE programs have been developed for pharmacists and physician assistants based on the first monograph, and additional programs are in development for physicians, nurses, and nurse practitioners.

Key Words: pain, pain management, analgesia, quality of care, quality improvement, treatment, guidelines/treatment standards, pain assessment, chronic pain, non-malignant pain

Partners: Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO)

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: May add other condition/disease or interest categories, such as minority health interests.

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Last Update: 2005

ID: NPC-002

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: NCCN pain management guidelines

Description: NPC worked to help NCCN develop their pain management guidelines for the treatment of chronic malignant pain (cancer-specific pain). As NCCN implements the guidelines, NPC receives feedback on the pharmaceutical use components and is assisting with input into guideline updates.

Key Words: pain, pain management, analgesia, quality of care, quality improvement, treatment, guidelines/treatment standards, pain assessment, chronic malignant pain, cancer pain

Partners: National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners:

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Year Added: 2003

Last Update: 2005

ID: NPC-003

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: NCCN breast cancer therapies project

Description: NPC is working with NCCN to better understand how newer breast cancer and adjuvant pharmaceutical therapies are being used in large academic medical centers versus community cancer centers, as well as utilization patterns and their rates of adoption.

Key Words: breast cancer, academic medical centers, community cancer centers, utilization

Partners: National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)

Desire Additional Partners:

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Year Added: 2003

Last Update: 2005

National Quality Forum

ID: NQF-001

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: National Voluntary Consensus Standards for the Reporting of Therapeutic Drug Management Quality

Description: This project seeks to achieve consensus on a comprehensive framework for therapeutic drug management quality, and to identify and endorse developed and implemented performance standards that address the domains of the framework (decisionmaking, safety, education and adherence, efficiency, and implementation). This project also will make recommendations regarding priority areas for research and standards development where there are gaps. This project builds on other related NQF work, specifically in the areas of safe practices, ambulatory care medication management, adherence and safety in medication use, and other NQF-endorsed voluntary consensus standards related to the appropriate use of therapeutics in various healthcare settings and circumstances.

Key Words: voluntary consensus standards, performance measures, medication management

Partners: All NQF member organizations (including consumer, purchaser, provider/health plan, and research/quality improvement organizations) are current partners.

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: Additional partners are welcome to participate in dissemination of the core set of practices and products/formats to stimulate implementation.

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Last Update: 2007

United States Pharmacopeia

ID: USP-001

Status: Currently ongoing

Title: "MEDMARX Data Report: Findings from 1998 -2005 on perioperative medication errors"

Description: An analysis of pediatric medication errors during the perioperative continuum of care

Key Words: medication error, patient safety, MEDMARX, voluntary reporting

Partners: University of North Carolina CERTs, USUHS

Desire Additional Partners:

Comments on Partners: USP has more than 1.2 million cases of medication errors. USP can partner with other CERTs on therapeutics, populations, or a host of other variables.

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