

ABOUT PHARMACEUTICAL RESOURCE NETWORK LTD (PRN)

PRN was set up in 1997 and has firmly established itself as a genuinely independent, community based, **clinical pharmacy service**. More information about **PRN** and our team is available at www.prn.org.uk.

PRN can help your organisation to realise medicines productivity opportunities and to achieve compliance with national medicines safety and quality recommendations.

With a proven track record of delivering results for the NHS across London and the South East, **PRN** can work independently or as part of your in house team to deliver changes in prescribing and in the use of medicines. As expert pharmacy practitioners with highly developed clinical, technical and interpersonal skills, **PRN** offers value for money in the current challenging environment (see below).

PRACTICE VIGNETTES IN A NUTSHELL

SAVINGS ON MEDICINES 'SPECIALS' IN A CARE HOME

Initial review of prescribing by **PRN** for 29 residents of a specialist Care Home identified the potential to switch from using unlicensed pharmaceutical specials for 3 medicines, to use of licensed formulations of the same medicines in an unlicensed manner.

Productivity improvement:

Estimated annual saving of £118K on medicines.

POPULATION SAVINGS ON STATINS IN PRIMARY CARE

Joint implementation by **PRN** and Inner London PCT 1 Medicines Management team of a first round statin switching programme giving patients the choice to opt out ahead of switching to simvastatin.

Joint implementation by **PRN** and London PCT 2 Medicines Management team of a second round statin switching programme with some GP practices doing implementation themselves following education.

Productivity improvement:

Inner London PCT 1—Projected annual saving of £275-300K with 45% of patients switched from atorvastatin 10mg and 20mg to simvastatin N.B. Patient refusal rate 25%.

London PCT 2 — 37% patients switched from atorvastatin 10mg to simvastatin 40mg.

SAVINGS ACROSS THE NHS FROM PHARMACIST CLINICAL MEDICATION REVIEW IN ONE OLDER PATIENT

PRN pharmacist led medication review identified two common medicines side effects (nitrate induced headache and anti-muscarinic induced dizziness) in a patient with cardiovascular disease that had led the patient to become non-adherent to all of his regular medicines. The patient had previously highlighted their symptoms to several different health care professionals in both primary and secondary care and included:

- ◆ Medicines adherence related GP consultations – SIX
- ◆ Medicines adherence related Practice Nurse consultations – THREE
- ◆ Medicines adherence related Out Patient consultations – ONE
- ◆ Community pharmacist Medicines Use Review (MUR) – ONE
- ◆ Community pharmacist medicines compliance assessment - ONE

Productivity improvements:

Reduced annual medicines wastage from non-adherence to lipid lowering therapy with atorvastatin 80mg and ezetimibe 10mg daily - £710.71 (drugtariff.com accessed 15.3.10).

CONCERNED ABOUT CRITICAL INCIDENTS WITH HIGH RISKS MEDICINES IN YOUR ORGANISATION?

Accurate and practical information is critical at the point of administration of high risk medicines i.e. warfarin, insulin and strong opioid analgesics to patients.

The **PRN** team has developed a series of **near patient checklists for health and social care professionals** to use to reduce medicines-related patient safety incidents in the community. Contact us NOW to find out more.