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C4 – Pharmaceutical Special Interest Group

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Information for Pharmaceutical Care

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Better medication use can be provided by pharmaceutical care as well as medication – related problems which occur with a patient can be solved quicker by this kind of professional advice. It includes proactive role of pharmacists in information provision to patients. Drug information skills are necessary for effective pharmaceutical care as well as pharmacists' tacit knowledge on pharmacotherapy. To be effective, health professionals have to maintain clinical competence and awareness of the best therapies for preventing or treating illness. The literature for the evidence-based-pharmacotherapy has to be studied and team work (pharmacist – physician) is needed for the right decision for pharmacotherapy for each patients. Patient – specific questions are complex and it takes a lot of time and knowledge to provide an adequate answer or action. Pharmaceutical care activities have to be documented. This information can then be used to determine further activities and changes in drug therapy. Documented experiences about pharmacotherapy are useful for building and updating a national drug information system (DIC). DIC is a platform for this kind of experiences exchange. In USA and Europe such systems (DICs) work for several years. In Slovenia pharmacists have started with pharmaceutical care and Slovenian DIC is also discussed to be established.