

PSW Launches Clinical Pocket Toolkits

Quick reference resources created by pharmacists for pharmacists!

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Which immunizations should a patient with chronic kidney disease (CKD) routinely receive? What could you recommend to a provider of an adult asthma patient who is using his albuterol inhaler on a daily basis for worsening asthma symptoms?

Wouldn't it be nice to have quick access to resources to help answer these questions in your daily pharmacy practice – regardless of the setting? In recent searches for concise, quality reference materials, PSW staff had difficulty finding pharmacy-focused resources for common chronic conditions. So, PSW embarked upon a project to create them!

BACKGROUND

With the assistance of several Wisconsin pharmacists, PSW has created four clinical pocket toolkits to provide pharmacists with quick reference tools pertinent to pharmacy and based on clinical guidelines. To date, PSW has worked with experts to prepare toolkits for diabetes, CKD, asthma, and tobacco cessation. The four initial toolkits were presented at the April 2010 PSW Educational Conference by the toolkit authors in conjunction with example patient cases. Additional disease states will be covered as interest exists.

Each toolkit is printed on durable card stock with a glossy coating and is designed to fold up and fit into the pocket of your white coat.

USING THE POCKET TOOLKITS

Each clinical pocket toolkit contains general information regarding typical disease-specific medication profiles. The toolkits also list the components that should be covered during a typical Comprehensive Medication Review (CMR), how to prioritize drug related problems, important counseling pearls to cover to promote better control of the condition, and several other pharmacy-related points. The resources can be useful during medication



Recipients poured over the toolkits at the annual PSW Educational Conference.

profile reviews, medication consultations, and CMR visits.

Each toolkit condenses lengthy guidelines into a concise and easy-to-follow format. Each toolkit contains a wide variety of tables, algorithms, and diagrams to help pharmacists in daily pharmacy practice.

ORDERING INFORMATION

The Pocket Toolkits were unveiled at PSW's Educational Conference in April 2010 and provided to attendees of the *Clinical Pearls for MTM Pharmacists* session. If you missed the opportunity to receive these resources, but would be interested in acquiring any number of the toolkits, you can place an order online at: www.pswi.org/membership/toolkits.htm.

Each pharmacist involved in the Wisconsin Pharmacy Quality Collaborative (WPQC) program will also receive one complimentary set of clinical pocket toolkits from PSW.

Members of PSW can order a single toolkit for the nominal fee of \$5. Non-members of PSW can order the toolkits for \$10. We encourage you to consider ordering a set of the

clinical pocket toolkits for yourself and your pharmacy practice location while they last!

PSW will provide members ordering a large number of toolkits a quantity discount. Call the PSW office for details. ●

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