

*[P-218D] Evaluation of cardiovascular risk factors in the diabetic veteran patient*

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*The prevalence of diabetes mellitus in the Veterans Affairs population has created a need for a formalized disease management program. As a means to identify a specific patient population that may benefit from a disease management program with the involvement of the clinical pharmacist, a retrospective analysis was performed. The primary objectives were: 1) to determine the number of patients who were meeting their National Cholesterol Education Program (NCEP) goal, 2) assess blood pressure control in diabetic patients at <130/85 mmHg, and 3) assess adherence with aspirin therapy in diabetic patients' goal. The primary objective of the project was to determine the number of patients in compliance with the American Diabetes Association (ADA) guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of diabetes. A total of 90 patients were included in the analysis. A total of 90 patients were included by selecting every third patient record from the subjects that were identified by a diagnosis of diabetes mellitus. Results: The results of this evaluation demonstrate a need for stricter adherence to American Diabetes Association Standards of Care. The clinical pharmacist will use the results of this analysis to focus on all problematic areas involving the cardiovascular management in the diabetic patient.*