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This issue of Ez-Minutes is short and sweet in order to get back on track with releasing the newsletter with the corresponding scheduled 2016 PBM-MAP-VPE meetings. In fact, this issue is so short that it is the first time in Ez-Minutes history that VAMedSAFE and contracting issues made it to the first page. (Thank me later Dr. Fran Cunningham and Mr. Joe Canzolino). Enjoy!


Formulary Decisions

ADDED to the VA National Formulary (VANF)
- Elbasvir Grazoprevir
- Criteria for Use (CFU)
  - Cinacalcet (Updated Jan 2016)
  - Elbasvir Grazoprevir
  - Lidocaine Topical
  - PCSK9 Inhibitor
  - Sofosbuvir and Ledipasvir-Sofosbuvir
  - Suvorexant
  - Testosterone Replacement in Adult Males

NOT ADDED to the National Formulary
- Evolocumab
- Hyaluronic Acid and Hylan G-F 20 for OA of the Knee
- PCSK9 Inhibitor
- Suvorexant

Removed from the National Formulary
- None during this time frame

Drug Monograph
- Elbasvir Grazoprevir
- Evolocumab
- Suvorexant

Archived Documents

Monographs Archived Jan 2016
- Acamprosate
- Adalimumab
- Alvimopan
- Calcitriol Ointment
- Capsaicin Patch
- Certolizumab Pegol
- Diclofenac Epolamine Patch
- Golimumab for Rheumatoid Arthritis
- Lubiprostone
- Milnacipran
- Pregabalin
- Tapentadol IR
- Ziconotide

CFU Archived Jan 2016
- Alirocumab
- Hyaluronic Acid and Hylan G-G 20 for OA of the Knee

Misc. Documents
- Opioids (CN101), Prescription Drug Review
- Oxycodone CR, Prescription Drug Review

Posting of VAMedSAFE Documents December 2015-February 2016

- Noxafil (Posaconazole): Dosing Errors When Switching Between Different Oral Formulations 01/13/2016 National PBM Bulletin
- Bactroban (Mupirocin) Recall: ADDENDUM 12/17/2015 National PBM Patient Level Recall Communication
- OmniPod Insulin Management System Recall: ADDENDUM 12/14/2015 National PBM Patient Level Recall Communication
Pharmacy-Prosthetics-Logistics (PPL)* Workgroup

The table below depicts the various products reviewed during Nov 2015 –January 2016 meetings. The X marks which service(s) is responsible for managing the respective products. Please click HERE for previous recommendation and minutes made from earlier meetings.

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<th>Pharmacy+</th>
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<td>Hyalomatrix and similar wound care products</td>
<td>X (outpatient use)</td>
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<td>X (inpatient or clinic use or managed by VA Home Health)</td>
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<td>Medical Maggots/Maggot Larvae/Leeches</td>
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<td>Peristeen Anal Irrigation System</td>
<td>X (disposable replacement supplies in outpatient)</td>
<td>X (entire system-initial supply of disposable and durable parts)</td>
<td>X (entire system in inpatients)</td>
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<td>Surgical lubricants</td>
<td>X (outpatients)</td>
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<td>X (inpatient or clinic use)</td>
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*The PPL workgroup was created to help clarify the responsibility for the management (e.g., ordering, storing, purchasing, and/or dispensing) of those products in which it is not clear which service should provide. The workgroup is not responsible for determining formulary status, clinical merit, or appropriate use of the products reviewed.

+Contingent upon approval from VISN or local Clinical Products Review Committee (CPRC). Implementation of these recommendations should be coordinated between services at local sites to ensure a smooth transition if recommendations lead to a change in responsible service. If you have any questions related to this announcement, please contact the responsible local service (Pharmacy, Prosthetics, or Logistics) for more detailed information.

Proper Use of Medication Delivery Devices Videos

Health Care Providers: Did you ever wonder……

- How often patients go home not knowing how to use their medication devices correctly?
- How many medication errors occur because YOUR patients were using their medication delivery devices incorrectly?
- How many admissions could have been avoided had patients used their medication delivery devices correctly after discharge?

While the answers to the above questions may not be known, there are now 9 How-To tutorial videos available to help educate your patients on how to properly use medication delivery devices and best of all, your patients will have quick access to the videos 24/7 too!

Which How-To Videos are available now? Metered Dose Inhaler; Twisthaler; Handihaler; Respimat Inhaler; Eye Drops and Ointments; Epinephrine Auto-Injector; Intramuscular Injection; Subcutaneous Injection; and Nebulizer

Where can I find these How-To Videos?
1. YouTube Playlist site: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3AQ_jVoBEyzJs4byu8sSLyCkp8Lpemz
3. Veteran Health Library: Coming Soon and in Spanish

Thanks to Pharmacist Bryan Murray-Lebanon VAMC for submitting this idea to VHA Employee Innovation Competition. The PBM would like to thank the VHA Innovation, Employee Education System, and Veterans Health Education and Information Program, and SMEs from Salt Lake City VA Pharmacy for their collaboration on this project.

Reminder: VA National Opioid Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution (OEND) SharePoint Site has a wealth of information for health care team and patients including Naloxone Kits videos. Check it out.

NEW

Patient Education Videos for Veterans and VA Care Teams

OEND Videos

2016 PBM Webinars Schedule to Date
- March 15th, April 19th May 17th, 2016-Back by Popular Demand!
  A 3 part series on Demystifying Statistics for the Clinician
- June 21st, 2016: Hypoglycemia Safety Initiative (Tentative)
  All webinars are ACPE, ACPE-T, ACCME, ACCME-NP accredited
  Remember to register PRIOR to the program. Below are the registration links that will work for all the webinars listed above.
  Register for one or all webinars using the links below.
  RSS: Pharmacy Benefits Management Virtual Series for Pharmacists and Clinicians
  BELOW LINK IS FOR PHARMACY TECHNICIANS ONLY
  RSS: Pharmacy Benefits Management Virtual SERIES - RSSTECHS

All PBM-MAP-VPE webinars are conducted using the same Adobe Connect meeting link and VANTS number.

VANTS: 1-800-767-1750 Access Code 49792#
Third Tuesday of the month @3 PM ET