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This issue of E<sub>z</sub>-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 E<sub>z</sub>-Minutes history that VAMedSAFE and contracting issues made it to the first page. (Thank me later Dr. Fran Cunningham and Mr. Joe Canzolino). Enjoy!

## Posting of National PBM Documents – Dec 16, 2015-February 2016 Formulary Decisions

ADDED to the VA National Formulary (VANF)	NOT ADDED to the National Formulary	Removed from the National Formulary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elbasvir Grazoprevir</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evolocumab</li> <li>Hyaluronic Acid and Hylan G-F 20 for OA of the Knee</li> <li>PCSK9 Inhibitor</li> <li>Suvorexant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None during this time frame</li> </ul>
Criteria for Use (CFU)	<p>National Contract Awards for Calendar Year 2016</p> <p>Click on <a href="#">this link</a> to view the National Contract Awards CY 2016. [InTRANet only]</p>	Drug Monograph
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Cinacalcet</a> (Updated Jan 2016)</li> <li><a href="#">Elbasvir Grazoprevir</a></li> <li><a href="#">Lidocaine Topical</a></li> <li><a href="#">PCSK9 Inhibitor</a></li> <li><a href="#">Sofosbuvir and Ledipasvir-Sofosbuvir</a></li> <li><a href="#">Suvorexant</a></li> <li><a href="#">Testosterone Replacement in Adult Males</a></li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Elbasvir Grazoprevir</a></li> <li><a href="#">Evolocumab</a></li> <li><a href="#">Suvorexant</a></li> </ul>
<h3>Posting of VAMedSAFE Documents December 2015-February 2016</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noxafil (Posaconazole): Dosing Errors When Switching Between Different Oral Formulations 01/13/2016 <a href="#">National PBM Bulletin</a></li> <li>Bactroban (Mupirocin) Recall: ADDENDUM 12/17/2015 <a href="#">National PBM Patient Level Recall Communication</a></li> <li>OmniPod Insulin Management System Recall: ADDENDUM 12/14/2015 <a href="#">National PBM Patient Level Recall Communication</a></li> </ul>		Archived Documents
		<p>Monographs Archived Jan 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Acamprosate</a></li> <li><a href="#">Adalimumab</a></li> <li><a href="#">Alvimopan</a></li> <li><a href="#">Calcitriol Ointment</a></li> <li><a href="#">Capsaicin Patch</a></li> <li><a href="#">Certolizumab Pegol</a></li> <li><a href="#">Diclofenac Epolamine Patch</a></li> <li><a href="#">Golimumab for Rheumatoid Arthritis</a></li> <li><a href="#">Lubiprostone</a></li> <li><a href="#">Milnacipran</a></li> <li><a href="#">Pregabalin</a></li> <li><a href="#">Tapentadol IR</a></li> <li><a href="#">Ziconotide</a></li> </ul> <p>CFU Archived Jan 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Alirocumab</a></li> <li><a href="#">Hyaluronic Acid and Hylan G-G 20 for OA of the Knee</a></li> </ul> <p>Misc. Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Opioids (CN101), Prescription Drug Review</a></li> <li><a href="#">Oxycodone CR, Prescription Drug Review</a></li> </ul>

## 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.

\*The PPL workgroup was created to help clarify the responsibility for 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.

Products	Pharmacy+	Prosthetics+	Logistics+
A and D ointment/cream with or without zinc	X (outpatient use)		X (inpatient or clinic use)
Finger/Toe Caps	X (outpatients)		X (Inpatient or clinic use)
Hyalomatrix and similar wound care products	X (outpatient use)		X (inpatient or clinic use or managed by VA Home Health)
Medical Maggots/Maggot Larvae/Leeches			X
Peristeen Anal Irrigation System	X (disposable replacement supplies in outpatient)	X (entire system-initial supply of disposable and durable parts)	X (entire system in inpatients)
Surgical lubricants	X (outpatients)		X (inpatient or clinic use)

+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-](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3AQ_JVoBEyzJs4byu8sSLyCKp8Lpemz-)
2. Internet PBM website: <http://www.pbm.va.gov/video/videos.asp>
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.

## NEW Patient Education Videos for Veterans and VA Care Teams

## OEND Videos

**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. <https://vaww.portal2.va.gov/sites/mentalhealth/OEND/default.aspx>.

### 2016 PBM Webinars Schedule to Date

- March 15<sup>th</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup> May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016-Back by Popular Demand!  
A 3 part series on Demystifying Statistics for the Clinician

- June 21<sup>st</sup>, 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](#)

## PBM Webinars

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

<http://va-eerc-ees.adobeconnect.com/pbm-monthly-webinars/>

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