

JPPG Minutes

Minutes	November 12 th , 2008	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Present:	Michael Van Ornum Ann Llewellyn Tariq Choudari Bob Kerper	Clinical Pharmacist Practice Manager Pharmacist Physician GRIPA, PSR Private Practice PSR Private Practice

1) Welcome and Introductions

2) Parent Organization Reports - As attendance allows

- a) PSR
 - i) Pharmacies are gearing up to offer immunizations. There were many responses from the pharmacists at the table to the questions posed by the JPPG. So far, a consolidated consensus statement has not yet emerged. The questions were:
 - (1) The issue of communication and the patient's medical home: Having different pieces of primary care services parceled out and provided in different settings leads to problems re: care coordination and quality. of care.
 - (a) What happens if there is a problem after the shot is given?
 - (b) When a patient goes in for a shot, the MD uses that as an opportunity to glean more information from the patient. Without routine visits like this, the MD misses out on communication/interactions which are critical to the provision of person centered care.
 - (c) MCMS: No report

3) Status Reports

- a) Bulletin Article
 - i) Future topics?
 - ii) Anyone on the e-mail list with suggestions for an "Ask the Pharmacist" article in the Bulletin, please send your ideas to jppg@mac.com. Thanks.
- b) GRRHIO Report
 - (a) The experience and impression from the group was that the GRRHIO is experiencing significant challenges.
- c) GRIPA Report
 - (1) E-prescribing is picking up speed. We hope to have it out to physicians in the first part of 2009.

4) Old Business

- a) Web-based Rx Tutorial on proper Rx writing
 - (1) There is some renewed interest in this project by a PharmD involved in simulation research. We'll continue to explore this area and see if we can gather support for the initiative.
 - ii) Community Guidelines
 - (1) Community guidelines can be found at <http://cwcg.mcms.org/ClinicalGuidelines/tabid/60/Default.aspx>
 - (a) Mary Jane affirmed the role of JPPG and PSR in the guideline process.
 - (i) No requests for assistance received or relayed since the last JPPG meeting
- b) E-prescribing Regulation Change
 - i) CMS has reinstated the fax exemption that would've disappeared in 2009. This means prescriptions CAN be sent from an e-prescribing program to a fax.
 - (1) Note: See www.rxsucess.com to see a listing of pharmacies in the area that accept true electronic prescriptions. You'll see that the majority of pharmacies in Rochester are electronic enabled (including Wegmans)

5) New Items

- (1) Group Focus and Purpose
 - (a) Before setting a meeting schedule, the group examined work done to date, goals, and future work. The group agreed that, in the absence of new attendees, the current volunteers have exhausted their resources and ideas. The mission of the group remains very much an integral piece for the relationship between pharmacy and medicine. We'll explore options to continue that work of enhancing communication between the disciplines using existing structures. Some ideas are:
 - (i) Have the two major societies (PSR and MCMS) host the other's board meeting once or twice a year. This would give the board members of both groups an idea of the current issues driving the discipline.
 - (ii) Have delegate representation involved in each society's initiatives that overlap in functional areas (E.g. pharmacists as immunizers, physician e-prescribing)
 - (b) No further meetings will be scheduled at this time.
 - (i) Michael will continue to maintain the Prescription Writing Brochure, vetted by the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, and deliver final copies to PSR and MCMS for distribution.

6) Tabled Items for Review

- a) Communication challenges – how to warn pharmacies of drug-seeking patients. (Ongoing)
 - i) The BNE may be developing a tool that will address this issue through the health provider network.
- b) Prescription Writing Brochure (May 2009)
- c) Re-examine JPPG group mission statement. (March 2009)
- d) Set meeting schedule for 2009 (November 2008)
- e) Pharmacy communication with patients and prescribers when the thyroid medication's manufacturer changes (Best Practices may address)

Attendance is open to all those interested in making our prescriptive process better, safer, faster, and easier. Our website is currently down. I am exploring the use of www.psrochester.org and <http://jenny.ipro.org> as alternative sites to host the JPPG documents. Comments are welcome.