

Jan 30

2005 Pharmacy 408: Managed Care Pharmacy

(Tuesday from 8:30-9:20 and Thursday 8:30-10:20 Room T474)

Most ambulatory prescriptions today and administered injectable drugs are paid for by managed care organizations (MCO's) where the pharmacy departments typically are led by clinical pharmacists, by pharmacists with strong business background, or by pharmacists with both clinical, administrative and business expertise. In some cases, however, the pharmacy department is led by a non-professional who understands the business side of the program, but must depend on pharmacist staff members to represent the clinical side of the operation.

While managed care has been castigated by some, it has helped address major problems in the health care system of this country. As such, there are some unique opportunities for pharmacists in MCOs to apply and develop their clinical and administrative skills. This course is designed to familiarize students with what managed care pharmacy is (and isn't), what it does well, what areas need improvement, how it functions, what the opportunities are for pharmacists and how you can enter the system, etc. Topics will include health insurance basics, formulary development, clinical management and improvement, managed care pharmacy financial issues, the role of the pharmaceutical industry, benefit design, impact of the new Medicare Rx benefit, contracting, pharmacy networks, the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy, Medicaid Rx programs, and more.

Course coordinators are D.S. Pete Fullerton, PhD, RPh, and Pete Penna, PharmD, with pharmacy leaders serving as contributing faculty throughout the course. Fullerton and Penna are nationally recognized in Managed Care. They have led large MCO pharmacy programs at Group Health Cooperative, CIGNA, and Regence Blue Shield.

Grading:

Midterm (no final) 50%

Course special project and participation 50%

Text (optional): Navarro, RP (editor), Managed Care Pharmacy Practice, ASPEN, 1999

For questions, please contact either Dr. Fullerton (peteful@msn.com) or Dr. Penna (pete@formularyresources.com).

Course Schedule

Date	Subject	Faculty
Tu Jan 4	Course Introduction	Pete Penna and Pete Fullerton
Th Jan 6	Managed Care basics, a review (2 hr)	Penna & Fullerton
Tu Jan 11	Managing the pharmacy benefit	Penna and Fullerton
Th Jan 13	Managed care formularies (2 hr)	Linda Sturm, MHA, RPh, BCPS Formulary

		Resources
Tu Jan 18	Basics of actuarial analysis; evaluation of evidence in formulary decision making	John Watkins, Karyn Baker Premera
Th Jan 20	Pharmacy Benefits Mark Lyons, RPh Medicare Rx Benefit – Pete Fullerton	Lyons and Fullerton
Tu Jan 25	Clinical Practice Improvement – The Group Health Experience (speaker TBA)	TBA – Group Health
Th Jan 27	Formularies and Physician Education: Making them Effective in the Clinic (2 hr)	Jennifer Wilson Norton, PharmD, MBA- Everett Clinic
Tu Feb 1	Preparing for the Biotech Future, Ethical Considerations	John Watkins, MS, RPh Premera
TBA	Attend Premera, Group Health, Everett Clinic, or State of Washington P&T Meeting	
Th Feb 3	Pharmaceutical Companies and Managed Care Steve Hall and Fred Sego	Steve Hall, PharmD Johnson & Johnson Fred Sego, PharmD Reliant
Tu Feb 8	Managed Care from the Community Pharmacy Perspective – Services, Challenges, Opportunities	Rod Shafer, RPh WSPA & Dan Connolly, RPh Bartells
Th Feb 10	Mail Order and Internet Pharmacy; Nursing Home Pharmacy (2 hours)	Andy Stergachis, PhD, RPh – UW and Formulary Resources; Mike Dutton, RPh Evergreen
Tu Feb 15	General Q&A, Discussions	Penna, Fullerton
Th Feb 17	Midterm Exam	
Tu Feb 22	Matching Drugs and Patients: Genetic Testing	Dave Veenstra, PharmD, PhD with Melissa Parisi, MD PhD
Th Feb 24	Open for Team Discussions (on your own)	
Tu Mar 1	Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBM's) (Boekenoogen)	Steve Boekenoogen, RPh – Med Impact
Th Mar 3	Project Presentations	All
Tu Mar 8	Steve Avey here or Thursday	
Th Mar 10	AMCP, FMCP, Managed Care Vision for the Future & Course Evaluations. (His lecture may switch with one of the days for Project Presentations) Note: No Final Exam	Steve Avey, Executive Director FMCP

