

Medicine knowledge in pharmacist daily clinical practice

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The pharmacy profession continues to shift from being a dispenser of medication to a more active medication manager. Pharmacists are now required to make clinical decisions, (usually with a physician's consent), that affect their patient's medical care. Changing doses, therapeutic switches between medications, and starting and stopping medication are all decisions that pharmacists make on a daily basis. In an era where clinical evidence is

growing exponentially, the pharmacist's emerging role as a medication management expert requires a solid grounding in evidence-based practice. Training needs to start at the undergraduate level, and continue throughout a pharmacist's education. But even for practicing pharmacists, short, intensive workshops can make a meaningful difference. And when pharmacists practice in an evidence-based way, they can feel comfortable, they're bringing the best science to bear on pharmacy patient care. My presentation will discuss in details the clinical knowledge needs that will help pushing pharmacy towards evidence based practice.

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