



Medication review

The opportunity and challenge for practice, system and academia

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Pharmaceutical Care Network Europe (PCNE)



Cognitive pharmacist services





Drug related problems





Drug related problems, PCNE 1999

An event or circumstance involving drug therapy that actually or potentially interferes with desired health outcomes.



The basic classification

	Code V6.2	Primary domains
Problems	P1	Treatment effectiveness There is a (potential) problem with the (lack of) effect of the pharmacotherapy
	P2	Adverse reactions Patient suffers, or will possibly suffer, from an adverse drug event
	P3	Treatment costs The drug treatment is more expensive than necessary
	P4	Others
Causes	C1	Drug selection The cause of the DRP can be related to the selection of the drug



Pharmaceutical care
Medicines management
Clinical pharmacy
Medicine optimisation
Medication review

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Medication review, PCNE 2015

Medication review is a systematic evaluation of all the patient's medicines with the aim of improving health outcomes by optimizing the medicines use and reducing risks.



„M. Review“ - assessment of drug use?

Or more:

Recommendation

Agreement with the patient/physician

Intervention

Care



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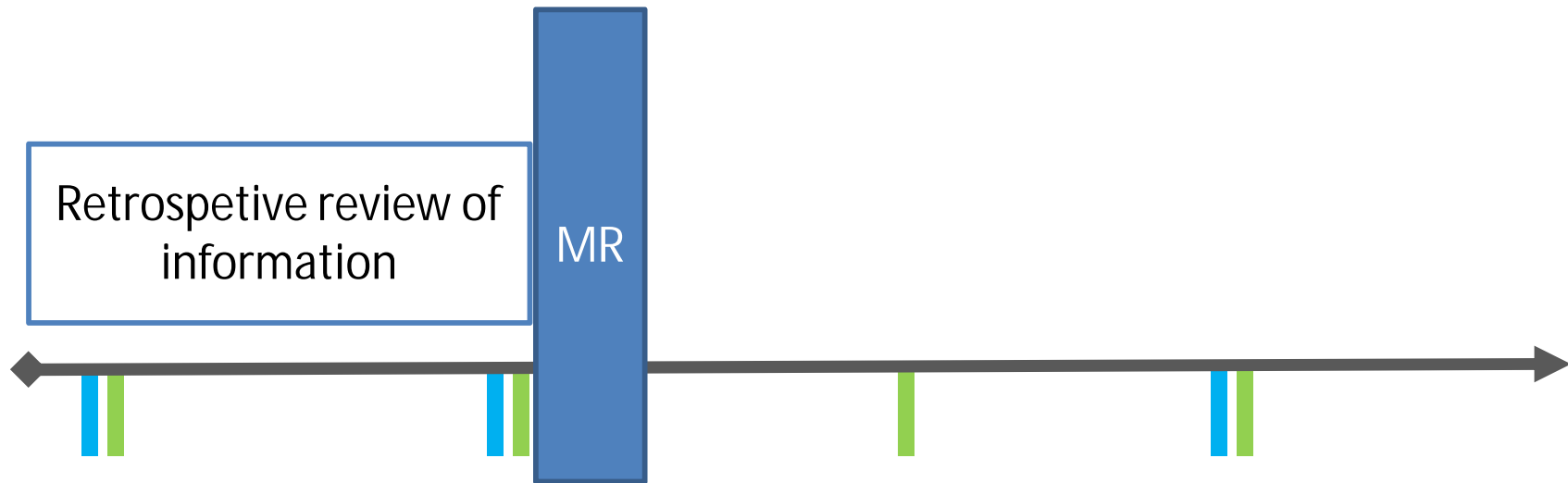
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Service in practice?

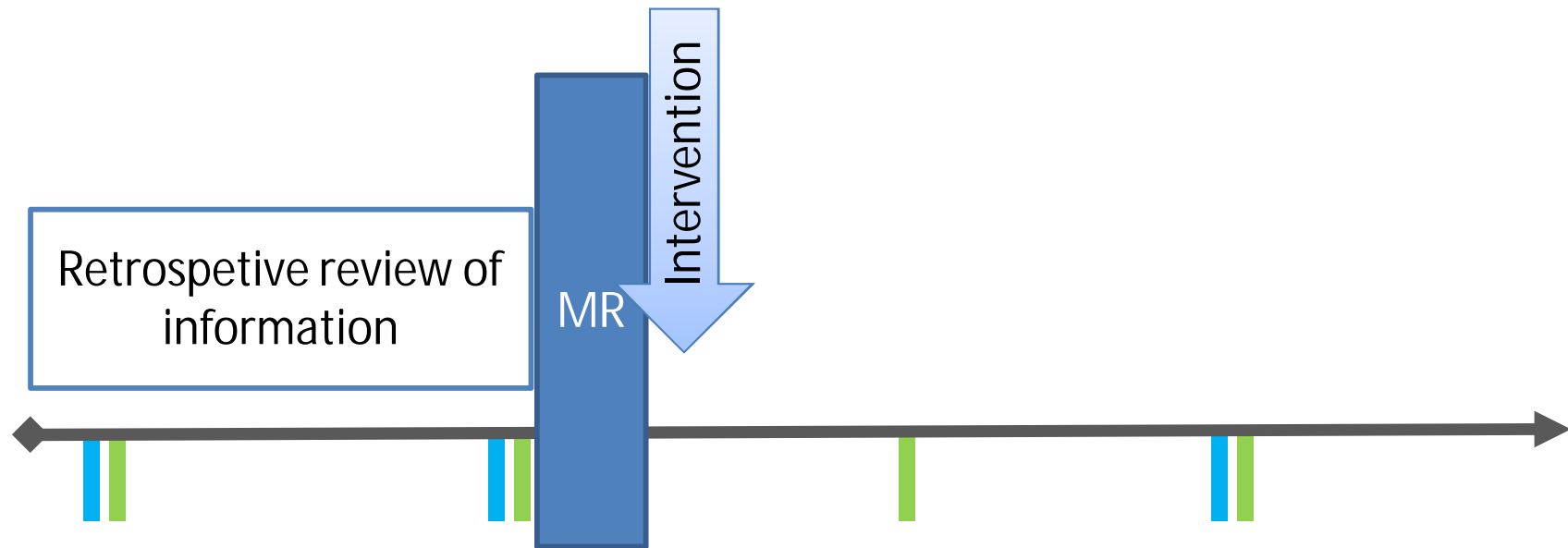
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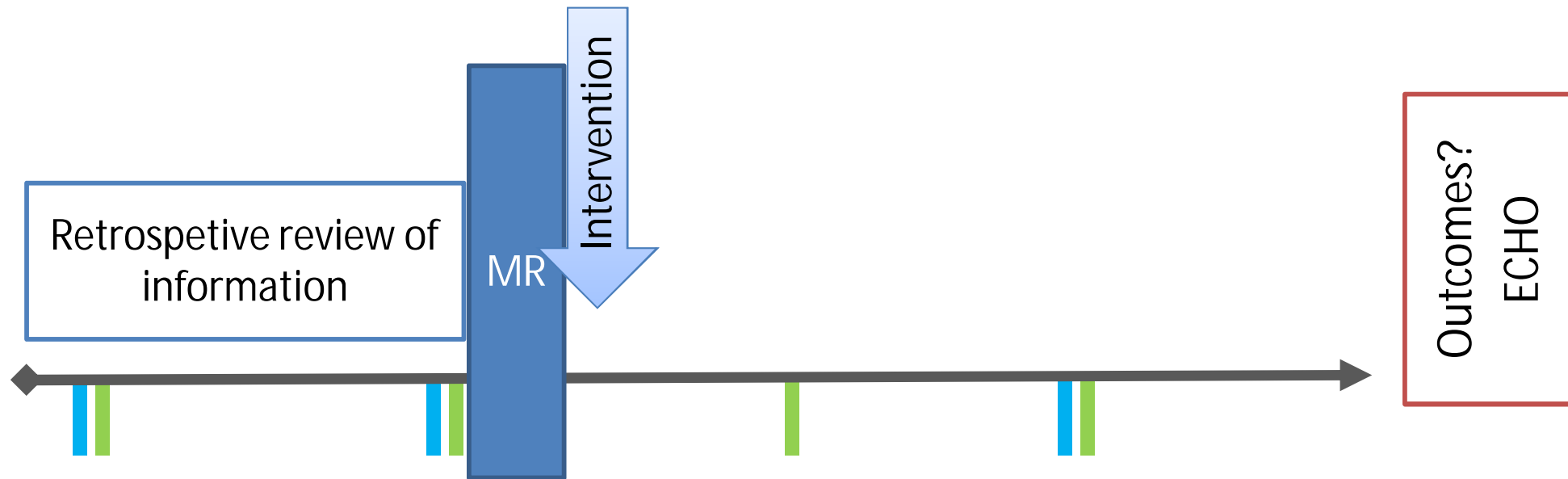
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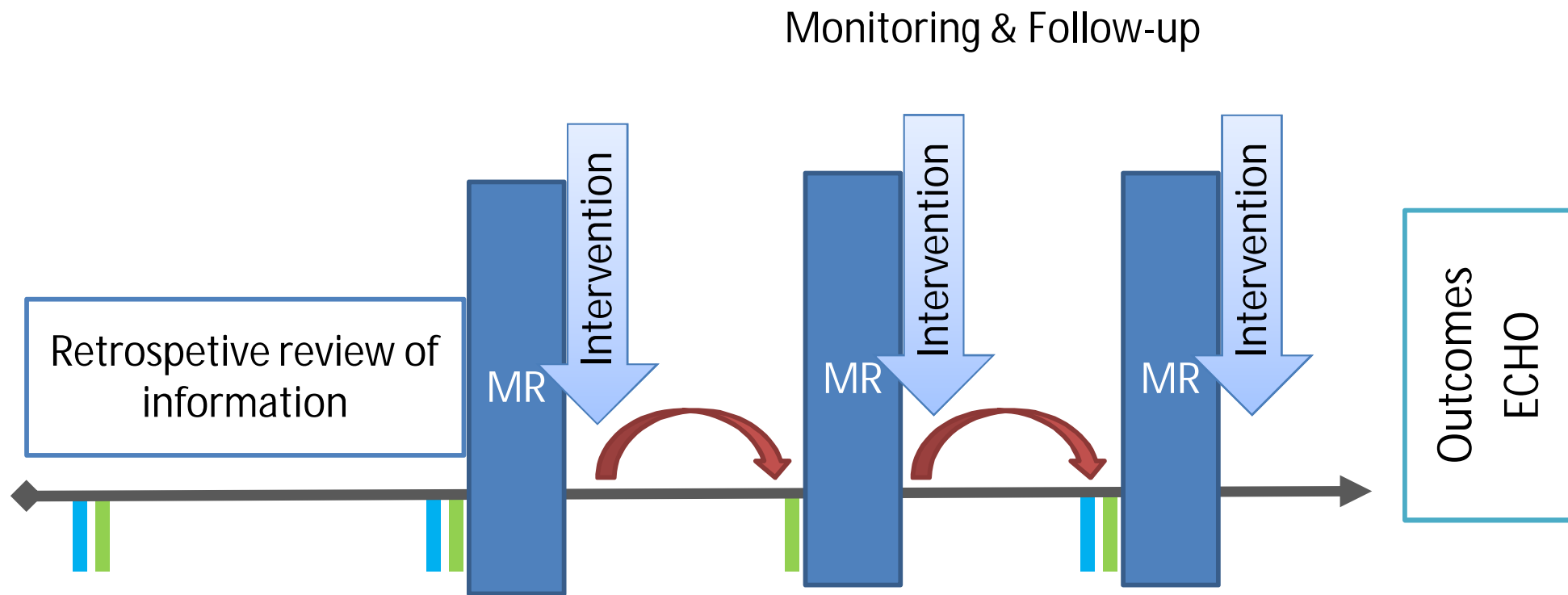
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Types of medication review

(PCNE)

	Medication history	Patient	Clinical data	Information source
<p>„Simple“</p> <p>Type 1) Based on the medication history in the pharmacy</p>	+			
<p>„Intermediate“</p> <p>Type 2a) Medication history + patient interview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MUR, Polymedication-Check • „Brown Bag“-Method 	+	+		
<p>Type 2b) Medication history + clinical data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In hospital pharmacies • In Dutch community pharmacies 	+		+	
<p>„Advanced“</p> <p>Type 3) Medication history + patient interview + clinical data (clinical medication review)</p>	+	+	+	



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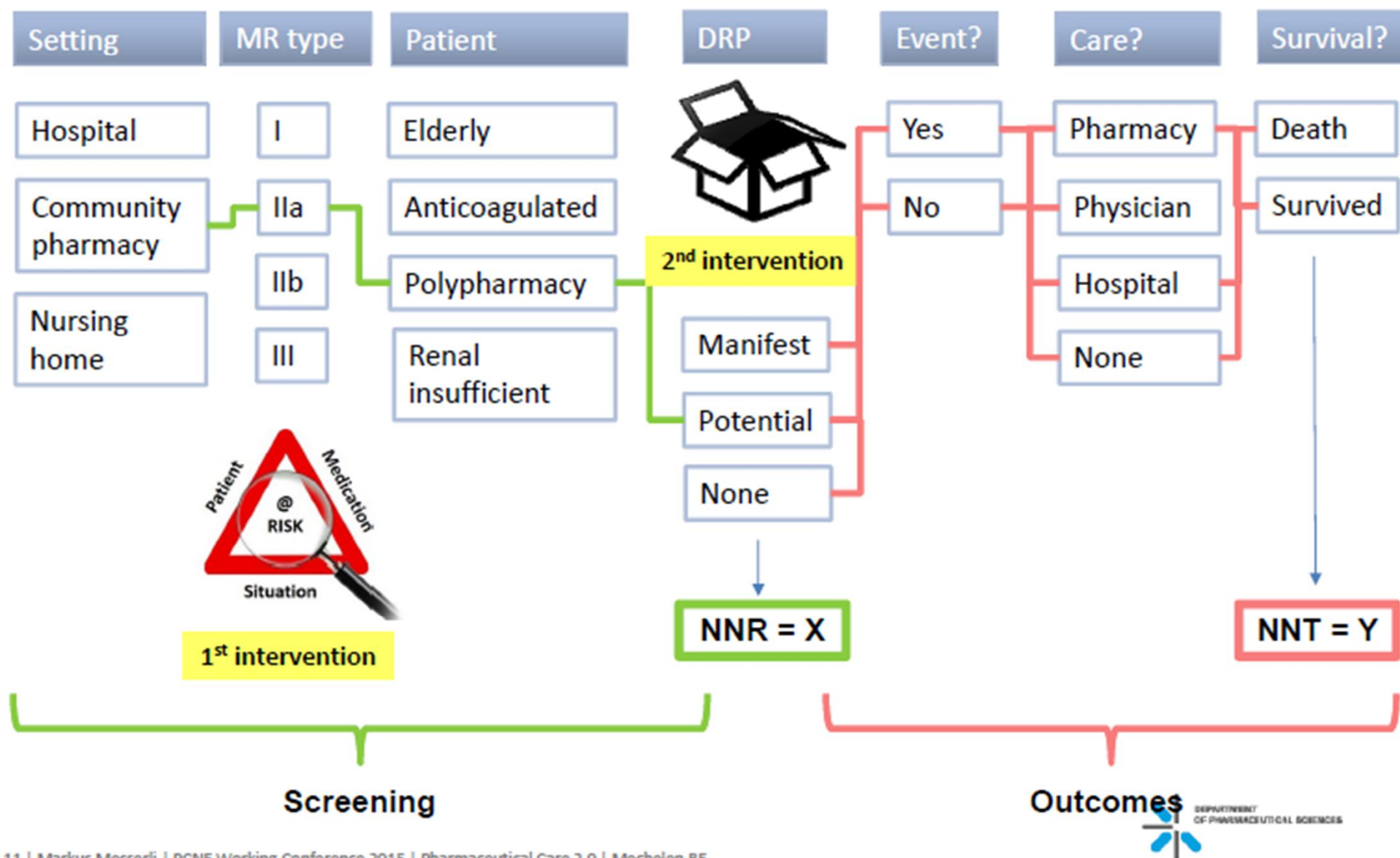
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Risks

(Causes in PCNE Class.)

e.g. interaction between drugs

Number Needed to Review (NNR) vs Number Needed to Treat (NNT): 2nd intervention matters!





Research Evidence





Does pharmacist-led medication review help to reduce hospital admissions and deaths in older people? A systematic review and meta-analysis

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We set out to determine the effects of pharmacist-led medication review in older people by means of a systematic meta-analysis covering 11 electronic databases. Randomized controlled trials in any setting, concerning older people (> 60 years), were considered, aimed at optimizing drug regimens and improving patient outcomes. Our primary outcome was emergency hospital admission (all cause). Secondary outcomes were mortality and numbers of drugs prescribed. We searched for drug knowledge, adherence and adverse drug reactions. We retrieved 32 studies which fitted the inclusion criteria. Of 17 trials revealed no significant effect on all-cause admission, relative risk (RR) of 0.99 [95% confidence interval (CI) with moderate heterogeneity ($I^2 = 49.5$, $P = 0.01$)]. Meta-analysis of mortality data from 22 trials found no significant mortality of 0.96 (95% CI 0.82, 1.13, $P = 0.62$), with no heterogeneity ($I^2 = 0\%$). Pharmacist-led medication review may reduce the number of drugs prescribed (weighted mean difference = -0.48 , 95% CI -0.89 , -0.07), but significant heterogeneity ($I^2 = 85.9\%$, $P < 0.001$). Results for additional outcomes could not be pooled, but suggested that interventions could improve adherence. Pharmacist-led medication review interventions do not have any effect on reducing mortality or hospital admission in older people, and can not be assumed to provide substantial clinical benefit. Such interventions may improve drug adherence, but there are insufficient data to know whether quality of life is improved.

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Medication review in hospitalised patients to reduce morbidity and mortality (Review)

Christensen M, Lundh A



This is a reprint of a Cochrane review, prepared and maintained by The Cochrane Collaboration and published in *The Cochrane Library* 2013, Issue 2

<http://www.thecochranelibrary.com>

'We identified 4647 references and included five trials (1186 participants). Follow-up ranged from 30 days to one year.

We found no evidence of effect on all-cause mortality (risk ratio (RR) 0.98; 95% CI 0.78-1.23) and hospital readmissions (RR 1.01; 95% CI 0.88-1.16), but a **36% relative reduction in emergency department contacts (RR 0.64; 95% CI 0.46-0.89).**'



A systematic review and meta-analysis of pharmacist-led fee-for- services medication review

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AIM

The aim was to examine the impact of fee-for-service pharmacist-led medication review on patient outcomes and quantify this the type of review undertaken, e.g. adherence support and clinical medication review.

METHODS

Relevant published studies were identified from Medline, Embase and International Pharmaceutical Abstract databases (from in February 2011). Study inclusion criteria were fee-for-service medication review, presence of a control group and pre-specified p outcomes. Outcomes were grouped into primary (changes in biomarkers, hospitalization, and mortality) and secondary outcome adherence, economic implications and quality of life). Meta-analyses for primary outcomes were conducted using random effect secondary outcomes were summarized using descriptive statistics.

RESULTS

Of the 135 relevant articles located, 21 studies met the inclusion criteria for primary outcomes and 32 for secondary outcomes. results favouring pharmacists' intervention were found for blood pressure (OR 3.50, 95% CI 1.58, 7.75, $P = 0.002$) and low density (OR 2.35, 95% CI 1.17, 4.72, $P = 0.02$). Outcomes on hospitalization (OR 0.69, 95% CI 0.39, 1.21, $P = 0.19$) and mortality (OR 1.50, 95% CI 0.346, $P = 0.34$) indicated no differences between the groups. On subgroup analysis, clinical medication review (OR 0.46, 95% CI 0.01) but not adherence support review (OR 0.88, 95% CI 0.59, 1.32, $P = 0.54$) reduced hospitalization.

CONCLUSIONS

The majority of the studies (57.9%) showed improvement in medication adherence. Fee-for-service pharmacist-led medication review showed positive benefits on patient outcomes. Interventions that include a clinical review had a significant impact on patient outcomes of target clinical biomarkers and reduced hospitalization.



Case of drug effectiveness

Well defined intervention= **drug** & assure- monitor adherence

Clear **study designs**:

- with randomization, control, double-blind, relevant inclusion and exclusion criteria, protocol monitoring....

Meta-analysis:

- can only reflect the quality of individual studies
- would clearly divide between different patient populations and **combine only those studies that are relevant.**



Case of Medication Review

Definition of service/intervention

Performance in practice

Cultural adaptations

Quality of evidence

Benefit in meta-analysis?



Health Care Team Collaboration

It will not work for the patient if the collaboration is not in place.





Remember the overall goal for the patient?

Improved health outcomes!



MR.

Challenge & opportunity

Pharmacy practice
Academica: sci&edu
System

