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GOOD

PRACTICE

Initiatives



The European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP) has today launched a search for **examples of successful initiatives to improve hospital pharmacy practice** ^[1] from across Europe.

The exercise is part of a project led by the **EAHP Scientific Committee** [2] to build an inventory map of good practice initiatives that can provide practical support and inspiration for hospital pharmacists in every country to embark on fresh improvement projects of their own, especially in an era of constrained budgets in the health service.

Launching the exercise, Prof. Dr. Cees Neef, Chairman of the EAHP Scientific Committee, said:

"As EAHP reviewed the results of the **2010 survey of hospital pharmacy practice** [3] in Europe, and reflected on our **mission** [4] of ensuring the continuous improvement of care and outcomes for patients in the hospital setting, it became clear that we should aim to develop new tools, of a very tangible nature, to encourage ongoing development of hospital pharmacy services in every country in Europe.

By creating a European map of completed service development initiatives, we believe we can go some way to inspiring the next generation of innovation and improvement in hospital pharmacy across the continent.

We hope all hospital pharmacies that have implemented change and improvement in the past ten years will give consideration to making a short submission for inclusion and help to build an open and accessible database of lasting value in terms of both developing new services, and enhancing the quality and safety of existing services."

More information about the exercise, including the portal for making submissions, is available **here** [1].

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

1) EAHP is an association of national organisations representing hospital pharmacists at European and international levels. More information about the EAHP **here**. [5]

2) All examples of good practice initiatives submitted will be considered for inclusion in the inventory map. However some category areas hospital pharmacists may wish to consider are:

- clinical pharmacy and other HP role development;
- clinical trials and research;
- communication and leadership;
- compounding/medicines production;
- education and training;
- inter-professional and inter-sector collaboration;
- patient safety;
- pharmacotherapy;
- process improvement;
- procurement, logistics and distribution;
- resource management; and,
- use of technology.

More information **here** [6]

3) Two examples of Good Practice Initiatives are provided on the EAHP website, relating to a pharmacogenetics education programme in Leiden, and a parenteral drug compounding initiative in Maastricht. These are available here [7].

4) Prof. Dr. Cees Neef is available for interview on the subject of good practice initiatives in hospital pharmacy by contacting the EAHP Policy and Advocacy Officer Richard Price.

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Links

[1] <http://www.eahp.eu/practice-and-policy/good-practice-initiatives-european-hospital-pharmacy> [2]

<http://www.eahp.eu/congresses/contact-and-committees> [3]

<http://www.eahp.eu/publications/survey/eahps-2010-survey-hospital-pharmacy-practice-europe> [4]

<http://www.eahp.eu/about-us> [5] <http://eahpeu.fb.email.addemar.com/c77/e15242/h5897d/l2881/index.html>

[6] <http://eahpeu.fb.email.addemar.com/c77/e15242/h5897d/l2882/index.html> [7]

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