



WHAT IS A GPI (GOOD PRACTICE INITIATIVE)?

Pharmacy practice and education are very diverse across Europe, but of our ability to improve what we do comes from sharing with colleagues from other hospitals/regions/countries the good experiences that we have.

The EAHP has defined specific statements about the goals for hospital pharmacy in Europe, but in many areas we are a long way from reaching them. There is a long and winding road ahead, and GPI's should be seen as steps along this road, so the real question is: do you have an experience you want to share with colleagues that shows the way to the fulfillment of EAHP statements?

So, a GPI is an initiative, either in pharmacy practice or in pharmacy education, implemented in a hospital / group of hospitals / region / country, that, in line with EAHP statements, report relevant experiences in specific areas of pharmacy practice or education. Examples are:

Example 1:(Section 1: 1.1. Introductory Statements and Governance. 1.1. The overarching goal of the hospital pharmacy service is to optimise patient outcomes through working collaboratively within multidisciplinary teams in order to achieve the responsible use of medicines across all settings.

I have started a collaborative work with nurses in the oncology day care hospital, by which I improve patient education to patients, and I can achieve improvements in the responsible use of medicines. I can describe what was done and show some data and/or rationale to support this. I am moving towards statement 1.1. and I believe other colleagues can replicate what I did in their own settings.

To check if your abstract meets the eligibility criteria for being a GPI or an abstract, answer all the following questions:

Table 1: The eligibility criteria for being a GPI or an abstract.

QUESTION	DEFINITION
1. Is your abstract relevant for hospital pharmacists?	<p>Yes: Your abstract may be a scientific abstract or a GPI</p> <p>No: Please do not submit your work to EAHP</p>

2. Does your abstract describe a protocol or plan for a project not yet conducted?

Yes: Please do not submit your work to EAHP

No: Your abstract may be a scientific abstract or a GPI

3. Is your abstract about the development and implementation of a pharmacy practice or a program in pharmacy education?

Yes: Your abstract may be a GPI

No: Your abstract may be a scientific abstract

4. Can other colleagues use your experience as the basis to introduce the same type of improvement in their settings by e.g. observing what you did in your setting?

Yes: Your abstract may be a GPI

No: Your abstract may be a scientific abstract

5. Does your abstract describe a project conducted as a scientific study using e.g. robust methodology?

Yes: Your abstract may be a scientific abstract

No: Your abstract may be a GPI

For authors interested in submitting a scientific abstract, please go here^[1].

If you want to submit a GPI, please check the instructions below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The GPI initiative was launched as part of EAHPs effort to show to stakeholders what European hospital pharmacists are doing, and might also be part of the coming educational programme of EAHP.

The overall purpose of collecting and sharing GPIs is:

- to inspire and encourage fellow hospital pharmacists in other countries to strive for the next high standard in practice;
- to identify how colleague hospital pharmacists were able to overcome barriers and obstacles in order to make improvement happen; and,
- to give recognition to those who have completed successful new initiatives in hospital pharmacy service.

GPIs must be linked to one of the sections of the **European Statements of Hospital Pharmacy** ^[2] approved at the European Summit on Hospital Pharmacy in May 2014. The EAHP statements are separated into the 6 themes below:

1. Introductory Statements and Governance
2. Selection, Procurement and Distribution
3. Production and Compounding
4. Clinical Pharmacy Services

5. Patient Safety and Quality Assurance
6. Education and Research

Good Practice Initiatives (GPIs) in hospital pharmacy services that do not involve a scientific study can also be submitted online. GPIs submitted during previous congresses may be viewed [here](#)^[3].

IMPORTANT NOTE: To avoid rejection of your GPI during the selection process, please review the [submission guidelines](#) ^[4] and [poster guidelines](#)^[5] before submitting your GPI.

Additionally, please submit your GPI using an email address that will not be blocked by spam servers. For this reason, we recommend that you use your personal email address to submit your GPI(s), versus the email address from your organisation.

GPI PRESENTATIONS

Database on the EAHP-webpage

All GPIs approved by the EAHP Scientific Committee (SC) will be uploaded into the GPI database, which can be accessed via the EAHP webpage.

Poster presentation at the annual EAHP congress

The EAHP SC will each November identify a number GPIs for poster presentations at the upcoming congress. Ideally all EAHP statements will be represented with a maximum of 5 posters. The selected GPIs will be printed in the programme book for the congress. The authors of the GPIs selected for poster presentation will be contacted by the EAHP office for further arrangements. Authors whose GPIs have been accepted must submit a poster during the annual congress.

Oral presentation at the annual EAHP congress

The EAHP SC will each November identify GPIs for short oral presentations for the upcoming congress. Ideally 2 GPIs per EAHP statement will be selected. The selected GPIs will be printed in the programme book for the congress. The authors of the GPIS selected for oral presentation at the annual congress will be contacted by the EAHP office for further arrangements. Authors whose GPIs have been selected for an oral presentation will need to create both a poster and a power point presentation.

If you have any questions concerning the GPI submission process, please send an email to [abstract\[at\]eahp\[dot\]eu](mailto:abstract@eahp.eu)^[6].

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Links

- [1] http://www.eahp.eu/congresses/abstract#node_congress_abstract_page_group_gi
- [2] <http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/21/5/256.full.pdf+html>
- [3] <http://www.eahp.eu/gpis/congress-posters>
- [4] <http://www.eahp.eu/gpis/submissions-and-guidelines>
- [5] <http://www.eahp.eu/gpis/poster-guidelines>
- [6] <https://www.eahp.eu/contact/abstract/eahp/eu>