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Study of Interview Form Information of Original and Generic Drugs for External Application

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Abstract

In recent years, pharmacists have found it necessary to present drug and other important information to patients, doctors, dentists, and nurses in an easily understood form to ensure the safety, quality, and appropriateness of medical services. In this changing environment, the drug package insert remains the most basic form of information on medical supplies, but it is now supplemented by the Drug Information Form. The present study examines information on original and generic external preparations as made available through drug interview forms, analyzing pharmacists' responses to a questionnaire. We looked at 588 drugs in all. Of the 228 original, brand-name drugs, interview forms were available for 200 items, or 87%. Although the forms were available for 100% of the dermatological pastes and jellies, they were present for only 52% of the suppositories. In the case of generics, the forms were provided for 171 out of 360 items, or 48%. High percentages of the liquid, paste-form, and cream preparations were accompanied by interview forms, but only 29% of the suppositories were. We found a big difference between original and generic drugs in terms of the availability of interview forms. Record keeping on prices, as well as changes in formulation and incompatibility with other drugs, was low for both originals and generics. We concluded that there is an urgent need to improve the availability, substantiality, effectiveness, and objective evaluation of drug information to improve the safety and appropriateness of pharmaceutical use in medical practice.

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