European Statements of Hospital PharmacyPolish experience

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Section 1: Introductory Statements and Governance

- Hospital pharmacists are members of multidisciplinary teams
- There is no national Good Hospital Pharmacy Practice guideline
- There is at least one hospital pharmacist in every hospital
- Hospital pharmacists are involved in development of ICT but usually on the hospital pharmacy level

Section 2: Selection, Procurement and Distribution

- Hospital pharmacists are involved in procurement and distribution of medicines
- In some cases they have partial responsibility for medicines logistics in hospitals
- There is medicines formulary system in hospitals
- Chief Pharmaceutical Inspectorate keeps a record of shortages of medicines
- There are specific procedures regarding the use of patients' own medicines



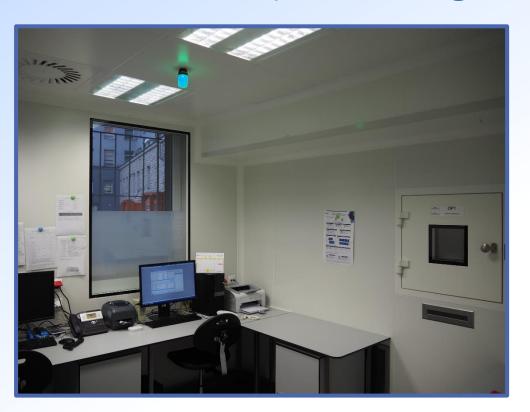
Section 3: Production and Compounding

- Hospital pharmacists are involved in production and compounding of cytotoxic drugs, total parenteral nutrition and some traditional pharmacy formula medicines
- Sometimes they prepare antibiotics and other daily doses of medicines
- Hospital pharmacists ensure an appropriate system for quality control, quality assurance and traceability
- Hospital pharmacists approve written procedures connected with preparation of medicines in a patient care area and they provide training for other healthcare professionals

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Section 4: Clinical Pharmacy Services

Some activities are undertaken but clinical pharmacy is still the future...

Section 5: Patient Safety and Quality Assurance

- Hospital pharmacists do not participate enough in all activities related to "the seven rights"
- They ensure review of medicines use processes in their hospitals
- Hospital pharmacists are involved in reporting of adverse drug reactions but there is no central register of medication errors
- Hospital pharmacists provide control processes to ensure that medicines stored throughout the hospital are appropriately packaged and labelled so to assure identification
- Hospital pharmacists support and implement systems and procedures that allow traceability of all medicines dispensed by the pharmacy

Section 6: Education and Research

- Undergraduate education curricula include hospital pharmacy practice
- Post graduate education: specialisation in community pharmacy, hospital pharmacy, clinical pharmacy
- Some hospital pharmacists are actively engaged in research in hospital pharmacy practice
- Some hospital pharmacists are actively involved in clinical trials

What has already happened in Poland?

- Translations of the newsletters and EAHP's brochure
- Presentations at national and regional conferences
- Article published in the bulletin of the Mazovian Pharmaceutical Chamber
- Letters to the Ministry of Health, the Polish Pharmaceutical Chamber, the Polish Chamber of Physicians and Dentists, Chief Pharmaceutical Inspectorate
- Current news available on the Polish Pharmaceutical Chamber's website

What could help us to move forward?

- Updating the pharmacy related legislation
- Raising awareness among hospital managers
- Raising awareness among hospital pharmacists on a larger scale
- Creating a website dedicated entirely to hospital pharmacy issues

What are the main barriers to overcome?

- Public spending austerity
- Lack of regulations relating to the profession of pharmacist and hospital pharmacy services
- Difficulties in cooperation among other healthcare professionals

Thank you for your attention!