



# European Statements of Hospital Pharmacy – Polish 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

## Section 3: Production and Compounding

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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!



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