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Assessment of Knowledge, Attitude and Practice of Community Pharmacists towards Pharmaceutical Care in North Cyprus

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this project is to assess community pharmacists' attitudes towards their professional practice and to determine their perceived competence in various pharmaceutical activities.

The philosophy of Pharmaceutical care focuses on the responsibility of pharmacist to meet all of the patient's drug related needs, and assist the patients in achieving their goal through collaboration with other health professionals. An adequate pharmaceutical services provided by pharmacist is a vital component of health care delivery system. Pharmaceutical care (PC) as defined by Hepler and Strand is the responsible provision of drug therapy for the purpose of achieving definite outcomes that improves the patient's quality of life.

The study was conducted a prospectively between January and March, 2016.It involved community pharmacists working in pharmacies within North Cyprus. There are 190 pharmacy in Northern Cyprus, 110 questionnaires were administered out of which 80 were completed giving a response rate of 73.0% from pharmacists working in community pharmacies, between January and March; 2016. Self-administered,

pretested, and structured; mainly close ended questions were used, 30 pharmacy rejected.

Conclusion:

Pharmacists in North Cyprus had positive pharmaceutical care orientations. This should Encourage pharmacist bodies educators and regulatory agencies to design initiatives to increase the frequency and quality of practicing pharmaceutical care in community pharmacy.

In This study pharmacists clearly stated pharmaceutical care as a effort and time consuming process needing experience stress and overload in their jobs and thus community pharmacists desire additional time to interact with patients and provide pharmaceutical care to them, supporting pharmacists with competent technical staff and one or more other pharmacist can facilitate patient care centered practice in community pharmacies. Increasing the use of robotics and technicians are also common strategies to free pharmacists to do more cognitive, patient-centered tasks.

Pharmacists in North Cyprus should also be trained on rationalizing drug use for chronic patients and overcoming non adherence and therapy failure.

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