

Exercise Patient leaflet

Aim

In this exercise, students learn how to read and use Patient Information Leaflets (PIL) and to understand a patient's view on safety of medicines.

This exercise is suitable for training PV Key aspect 1 (Importance of PV in context of pharmacotherapy).

Source

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Learning outcomes

The student ...

- ... learns how to interpret the content of a patient leaflet
- ... understands of the difficulties in making decisions about the risks and benefits of drugs
- ... understands difficulties that patients can experience when reading the patient leaflet

Materials

Patient leaflets from various drugs.

Description

Give the patient leaflets to the students and give them some time to look at them. Then, start a discussion by asking them some questions:

- What kind of drug is this? What are indications of the drug? Is this a severe disease?
- Do you think this drug is safe? Why yes/no?
- Would you use this drug yourself?
- What information do you think is good of this patient leaflet? What is missing?
- What kind of information would you, as a patient, need from you healthcare professional?
- Are there any differences between the various leaflets?