Abstract

"Classification of pharmaceutical interventions - a practical approach to describe the pharmacist's activity"

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Clinical pharmacists are increasingly involved in detecting and solving drug-related problems. To document their activities, a convenient tool to code pharmaceutical interventions in daily routine is desirable. The Swiss Society of Public Health Administration and Hospital Pharmacists (GSASA) developed a new classification system for pharmaceutical interventions and proposed it as a standard tool in Swiss hospitals.

The GSASA classification system is available since more than two years. We evaluated the implementation in Swiss hospitals. We assessed the user's satisfaction and the performance of the classification system. Our research showed that most Swiss hospitals, which performed clinical pharmacy activities, are using it routinely in daily practice. As a next step forward, we currently adapt the GSASA system for the use in community pharmacies.

The presentation will introduce the GSASA system with a daily life example and outline the validation process (appropriateness, interpretability and validity, acceptability and feasibility, and inter-rater reliability).

Finally, we will discuss the difference between the PCNE and the GSASA classification and explain why we developed a new system instead of using the PCNE classification.