

## **Integrated Pharmaceutical Care in the Netherlands**

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**Introduction** – Many medication review interventions are performed in primary care setting but not all are comparable. A recent systematic review<sup>1</sup> showed different levels of cooperation between the patient, physician and community pharmacist, including differences in outcomes.

**Methods and Results** – An overview of medication review activities in the Netherlands and their outcomes will be shown. We will focus on the outcomes of the PHARM-study<sup>2</sup> and a recently completed case control study performed in eight primary care settings in the Netherlands.

**Conclusion** – Based on the literature and results from two case control studies performed in the Netherlands we will conclude with recommendations for future research.

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