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Introducing actions to implement Pharmaceutical Care research in Brazil

Type of Abstract: Practice implementation

Aim of Project: To introduce actions to implement Pharmaceutical Care research in public health care system in Brazil

Method: In August 2005, Pharmaceutical Assistance Department (DAF) of Brazilian Health Ministry introduced National action plan to implement and develop Pharmaceutical Care research in public health care system (SUS). This plan was designed because although there were no studies about drug-related morbimortality in Brazilian population, drugs have been identified as the first cause of intoxication in this country. Thus, the DAF, established a financial funding to support research in SUS, including Pharmaceutical Care. After this, three events were organized and financed by DAF to promote interchange between Brazilian and foreigner researchers.

Result(s): Of the 27 proposals submitted to Brazilian Scientific Committee, only 11 projects received financial support of DAF. Nowadays, these projects are being developed in different settings (hospitals, ambulatories and community pharmacies) of all Brazilian regions. In March 2006, DAF organized the 1st National Forum of Pharmaceutical Care research in SUS with 40 Brazilian researchers to present the projects approved and to discuss the importance of these studies to promote the rational medication use in Brazil. In May 2006, nearly 120 experience reports of 16 Brazilian states were submitted to Scientific Committee of the 1st International Seminar of Pharmaceutical Care research in SUS and these reports, 90 were approved to participate. The researchers had opportunity to discuss with speakers of Spain, USA, Cuba and Argentina. Besides, they participated of workshops with pharmacist practitioners and managers of Public Health care system formulating strategies to implement Pharmaceutical Care research in SUS. In September 2006 occurred the 1st Brazilian Symposium of Clinical Pharmacy with presence of speakers of Australia, New Zealand and Japan. In this event was discussed the importance of post-graduation in formation of Pharmaceutical Care researchers and practitioners. Based on the results of these events, DAF jointed a Group with goal of training to Brazilian pharmacists to practicing the pharmaceutical care, as well as, to create a net of researchers to monitor and interchange the knowledge obtained by the projects supported by DAF.