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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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Subject: Preventing Exposure to Allergens in Medications

Description of Current Situation:

1. CSHP Professional Policy 2015-04 directs CSHP to adopt ASHP policies and other guidance documents as CSHP Professional policy
2. To adopt as CSHP policy all ASHP Policy Positions, Guidelines, Bulletins and all official Statements in the current edition of the Best Practices for Health-System Pharmacy of the ASHP, except when such policies differ substantially from CSHP policy.
3. To endorse the use of ASHP Position Statements, Guidelines and Technical Assistance Bulletins by its members in their practice settings.
4. CSHP will review all ASHP Policy Positions by 2020 for possible adoption as CSHP Professional Policy.
5. CSHP does not have a policy with respect to allergens in medications.
6. The 2016 ASHP House of Delegates approved ASHP Policy 1619 which states:

PREVENTING EXPOSURE TO ALLERGENS

Source: Council on Pharmacy Practice

To advocate for pharmacy participation in the collection, assessment, and documentation of a complete list of allergens pertinent to medication therapy, including food, excipients, medications, devices, and supplies, for the purpose of clinical decision-making; further, To advocate that vendors of medication-related databases incorporate and maintain information about medication-related allergens and cross-sensitivities; further, To advocate that pharmacists actively review allergens pertinent to medication therapy and minimize patient and healthcare worker exposure to known allergens, as feasible; further, To encourage education of pharmacy personnel on medication-related allergens.

ASHP Rationale:

In 2005, ASHP adopted policy 0501, Mandatory Labeling of the Presence of Latex, and in 2008 adopted policy 0808, Excipients in Drug Products (now ASHP policy 1528). The common theme in these policies is that patients may be exposed to potentially life-threatening allergens in items encountered in the medication-use process (i.e., natural rubber latex, drugs, drug product excipients, devices, and supplies). Pharmacy involvement in collection, assessment, and documentation of a complete list of allergens pertinent to the medication-use process, including food, excipients, medications, devices, and supplies, would assist in clinical decision-making. Pharmacists should also minimize patient and healthcare worker exposure to known allergens, for example by limiting or banning the use of latex gloves in pharmacies and striving for latex-safe medication formularies. Although allergy information is becoming more readily accessible through the electronic health record and clinical decision support systems, some well-known cross-sensitivities are good candidates to be included in medication-related databases.

Target:

1. CSHP provides resources to its members, their patients, and the public per the 2017-2021 Strategic Priorities and Goals.
2. CSHP develops professional policy in congruence with other professional organizations, but adopts policy as an independent professional society
3. CSHP provides professional policy that addresses allergens in medications including natural rubber latex.

Proposal:

Adopt the following as CSHP Professional Policy:

Preventing Exposure to Allergens

1. To ~~urge advocate for~~ pharmacy participation in the collection, assessment, and documentation of a complete list of allergens pertinent to medication therapy, including food, natural rubber latex, excipients, medications, devices, and supplies, for the purpose of clinical decision-making; further,

2. To encourage ~~advocate that~~ vendors of medication-related databases incorporate and maintain information about medication-related allergens and cross-sensitivities; further,
3. To recommend that all ~~advocate that~~ pharmacists actively review allergens pertinent to medication therapy and minimize patient and healthcare worker exposure to known allergens, as feasible; further,
4. To encourage education of pharmacy personnel on medication-related allergens.

Resources Required for Proposed Action(s): Financial: Minimal

CEO time: Minimal

Staff time: Minimal

CSHP Board Action: ~~The Board of Directors reviewed this proposal on October 3, 2017 and recommends approval of this resolution.~~

HOD Action: Approved as written