

INTERDISCIPLINARY TASK FORCE BRINGS DOWN PRICE ON HIV DRUGS!

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BACKGROUND

The board in the Danish Regions decided on a new specialist consultancy structure called "The Council for Use of Expensive Hospital Medicine" (RADS). The aim of RADS is to help standardize the rational use of medicine throughout Denmark, to be achieved by setting guidelines for the use of expensive hospital medicine.

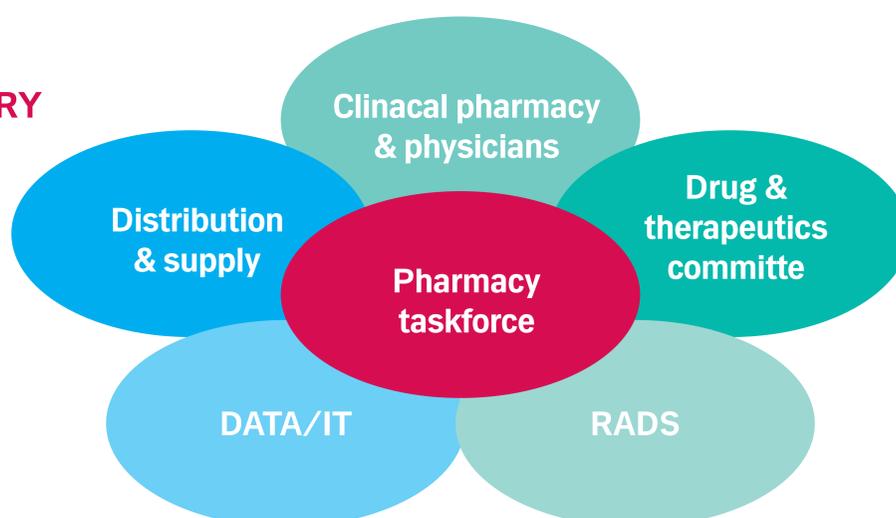
OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this study was to identify an effective way of implementing the RADS guidelines in a multi-centred clinical practise and optimise the pressure on the pricing of the drugs concerned.

METHOD

The task was to change the HIV treatment from a triple compound to three single compounds. To implement the guidelines, the pharmacy formed a taskforce consisting of the pharmacy director, top leaders from logistics and clinical pharmaceutical services, IT-department and a data expert on medication use analysis.

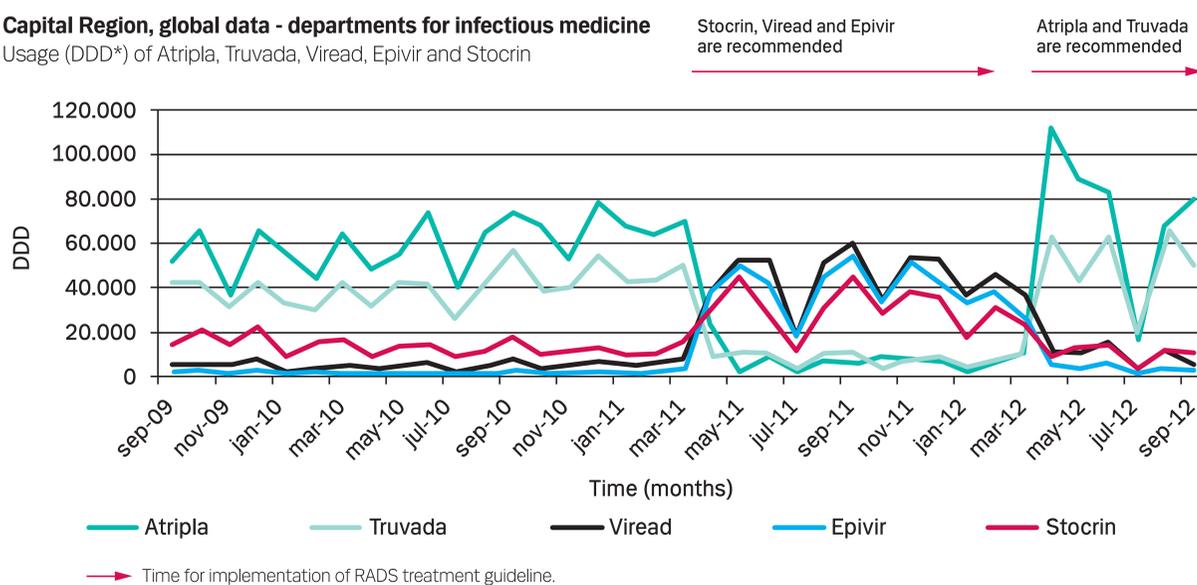
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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The national goal for guideline implementation was 95%. At 98% the Capital Region has the highest rate for guideline implementation in Denmark. Following the next tender and one year after guideline implementation, the price of the triple compound had dropped by 16 %

Capital Region, global data - departments for infectious medicine
Usage (DDD*) of Atripla, Truvada, Viread, Epivir and Stocrin



CONCLUSION

The interdisciplinary taskforce achieved its goals. Intensive monitoring and feedback to the clinician in charge, followed by direct management involvement and support at all centres, is an effective implementation strategy.