

CLINICAL PHARMACY IN PSYCHIATRIC DEPARTMENTS

A QUALITATIVE STUDY FROM USERS OF MEDICAL REVIEWS PERFORMED BY PHARMACISTS

AIM AND OBJEKTIVES

- Assess the impact and perceived benefits of pharmacist-conducted medical reviews

BACKGROUND AND IMPORTANCE

- Highlight the critical contribution of pharmacists' expertise in patient care



METHOD

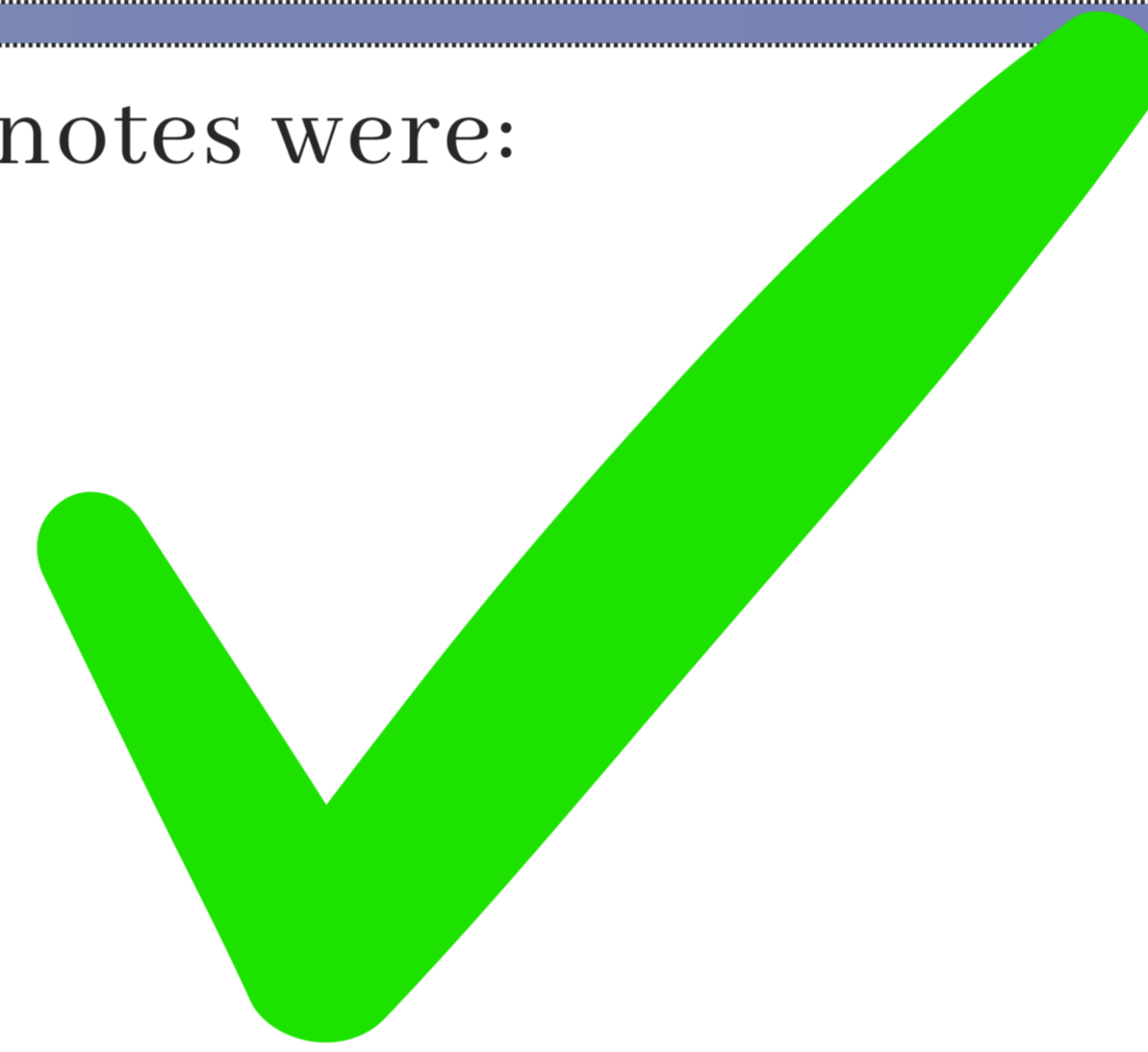
- Questionnaire to physicians at psychiatric departments
- 31 replies

RESULTS

- 97 % of the physicians surveyed are very satisfied/satisfied in their overall rating

All physicians rated that the pharmacists medical record notes were:

- Easy to overview
- Received in time for use
- Contained adequate/sufficient information
- Relevant to the inquiry
- Contained useful information
- Educational/informative
- Contributed to the choice of drug
- Comprehensive/thorough



IMPACT

Time efficiency

- 2/3 replies that physician time saved, is more than 2 hours
- Over one month, **one week of efficient working hours** is saved for physicians

Secondary outcomes

- Promotes rational pharmacotherapy
- Enhances patient safety

FUTURE ASPECTS

- Increasing demand: Growing need for pharmacist-conducted medical reviews.
- High satisfaction rate: Strong approval of pharmacists' contributions.
- Pharmacists' role: A key partner in patient treatment, adding knowledge, optimizing time efficiency and alleviating physicians' workload.



KEY CONCLUSION

- This evaluation emphasizes the importance of integrating more pharmacists into psychiatric care, particularly in areas with limited access to healthcare professionals, including psychiatrists.



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