## PP089 Health Technology Assessment Of An Automated Compounding Of Parenteral Nutrition

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## **INTRODUCTION:**

Pediatric parenteral nutrition is mainly used in neonatal intensive care units (NICU) and requires close collaboration with the hospital pharmacy, especially for manufacturing time, application, preparation and delivery (1). In this context, a Health Technology Assessment (HTA) to evaluate an automatic system compared with a manual system was carried out.

#### **METHODS:**

The Decision-oriented HTA (DoHTA) method (2), coordinated by Bambino Gesù Children's Hospital (BGCH) HTA Unit, was applied to carefully assess the technology. It was developed starting from the European Network for HTA (EUnetHTA) Core Model® and integrated with the Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP). Its purpose is to identify all the relevant assessment aspects of automatic system integrating the evidence from the scientific literature with experts' judgments and the specific context analysis for BGCH: an evaluation scheme inherent safety, clinical effectiveness, technical and organizational aspects (represented by a decision tree at three levels: dimensions of evaluation, I and II level indicators) was subsequently created. A weight was finally associated to each identified element and the alternatives' ranking was defined.

### **RESULTS:**

The study results show a "performance value" associated with the automatic system greater than about thirty-two percentage points compared to the manual system.

#### **CONCLUSIONS:**

At the current state of the scientific evidence and the results of analysis carried out by the working group, it is believed that the choice should be made to introduce the automatic system is available in BGCH.

More specifically, from the point of view of safety, automatic system is safer for both patient and operators; about clinical effectiveness, the system improves the nutritional intake, allows a reduction of post-infusional adverse events and the use of antibiotic therapy; concerning economic aspects, the analysis of available data shows a substantial equivalence between the alternatives considered; the technical-functional aspects show an improvement according to almost all indicators; organizational aspects show a slight improvement in the working and in process management and finally the legal aspects indicate a slight advantage for the automatic system.

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# PP090 Reducing Low-Value Practices In Catalonia: Essencial Project

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## **INTRODUCTION:**

In 2013 the Essencial Project launched in Catalonia promotes the identification of low-value practices (LVP)

by healthcare professionals and elaborates recommendations to avoid them. This project aims to reduce unnecessary care of health care services which harm outweighs the benefits, resulting in physical, psychological to the patients and wasteful healthcare services. The main objectives are to describe the implementation process at the primary care level and to evaluate the impact of recommendations on general practitioners (GPs) practice.

## **METHODS:**

The implementation process consists in:

- (i) Nomination of clinical leaders to promote the project among their primary care teams (PCT) and to lead the implementation activities by identification of barriers and enablers for change in clinical practice towards avoiding LVP.
- (ii) Selection of recommendations to be implemented and definition of corresponding activities to be carried out by each PCT according to the specific characteristics of their organizations.
- (iii) Development of related indicators and comparison between baseline status

## **RESULTS:**

One hundred and sixteen PCT (covering 30 percent of the Catalan population) participated in the pilot experience of implementation. Twenty-one recommendations were selected such as: bisphosphonates in post-menopausal women with low risk of fracture, PSA screening and statins for primary prevention of cardiovascular disease, among others. At 12 month follow-up, use of bisphosphonates were reduced by 21 percent (p = .0005), PSA was reduced by 14 percent (p = .0009). The use of other treatments such as antidepressants, benzodiazepines for some specific clinical conditions decreases with no statistically significant changes.

## **CONCLUSIONS:**

This is the first experience in Catalonia and Spain of implementation of the recommendations to avoid LVP with early involvement of target professionals. Follow-up results provide information about the early

impact of recommendations at primary care level. Our challenge is to implement the recommendations at hospital level.

# PP091 A Follow Up Study On Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI)

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### **INTRODUCTION:**

Severe aortic stenosis with symptoms or left ventricular dysfunction has commonly a poor prognosis. Aortic valve replacement is usually performed for these patients aiming at improving their functional class and survival rate. Transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI) is often presented as an option in patients with high surgical risk for conventional surgical valve replacement.(1) Nonetheless, in this group of patients, the literature has yielded conflicting evidence suggesting that benefits of TAVI for patients of high or intermediate surgical risk is not consistent.(2,3)

#### **METHODOLOGY:**

This retrospective study aimed to evaluate the mortality rate from a cohort of patients after the correction of aortic valve dysfunction with TAVI. It consisted of a convenience sample of patients at high risk for open surgery for the correction of aortic valve dysfunction treated with TAVI from 2013 to 2016. All included patients were being provided healthcare assistance by a private nonprofit health maintenance organization (HMO) operating in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Since TAVI is not currently covered by the Brazilian supplementary healthcare system, reimbursements were enforced by lawsuits. Data was extracted from an administrative database, using the software Oracle Business