SDPharmNet™ Medication Therapy Management Services Seminar

As Medication Therapy Management Services optimize therapeutic outcomes for individual patients, members of SDPharmNet™ are excited to share their MTMS programs in an effort to inform and collaborate with other pharmacists and researchers to improve pharmacy service quality and medication safety, and collaborate on ideas for future studies. Speakers include:

Dr. Grace M. Kuo, UCSD
Dr. Anthony Morreale, VA
Ms. Isabel Perlas, CVS
Dr. Linh Lee, Ralphs

Dr. Kuo directs SDPharmNet as well as several medication safety, medication reconciliation, MTM, and pharmacogenomics education projects. Dr. Morreale has worked as Chief Pharmacy Service at the VA San Diego Healthcare System, and has made outstanding contributions to clinical pharmacy, pharmacotherapy and pharmacoeconomics. Ms. Perlas manages MTM services as the District Pharmacy Supervisor at CVS, and has worked throughout San Diego County in pharmacy management for over 15 years. As Pharmacy Clinical Coordinator at Ralphs Grocery Company, Dr. Lee coordinates various clinical programs and serves as faculty trainer for several APhA programs.

SDPharmNet™ Ongoing Projects: CTIS and SCANNER

CTIS: SDPharmNet™ is conducting an ongoing study entitled Evaluation of an Educational Program for Women and Pharmacists on Safe Use of Medication during Pregnancy and Lactation. The study aims to assess the needs of pharmacists regarding access to reproductive risk data for medications, as well as familiarity with the services the California Teratogen Information Service (CTIS) provides for pharmaceutical professionals and pregnant or lactating patients. To participate in the study, you can view a 5 minute online presentation at http://www.scivee.tv/node/17182, followed by an online survey.

SCANNER: Through the Scalable National Network for Effectiveness Research (SCANNER) Project, SDPharmNet™ is collaborating with the San Diego Supercomputer Center and the Division of Biomedical Informatics at UCSD in developing informatics tools for collecting clinical data across different health systems. We are currently conducting an interventional comparative effectiveness research (CER) study for medication therapy management of patients with diabetes and hypertension, comparing cohorts managed by the physician with cohorts managed by the physician-pharmacist pair. This study will have far-reaching effects in determining the usefulness and scalability of cutting-edge networks such as SCANNER.

About SDPharmNet™

The San Diego Pharmacist Resource and Research Network™ is a practice-based research network in San Diego, California, whose goal is to generate new knowledge through research and translate research into practice. Network members collaborate on projects, striving to solve problems commonly encountered in practice and provide information to improve quality and safety of medication use. All pharmacists interested in stepping into collaborative research and practice tools design are encouraged to join SDPharmNet™. Simply complete the registration form under the “Membership” tab on our website or click here to fill out your information. We look forward to your participation in our network!