The Time is Now for Opioid Stewardship

INCREASING URGENCY TO ADDRESS OPIOID USE ISSUES

COVID-19 IMPACT
2020 marks the worst year on record for opioid-related deaths. According to the CDC, over 81,000 drug overdose deaths were reported June 2019-May 2020.

INTERNAL COST DRIVERS
Direct hospital costs for opioid-related admissions now reach $20k per patient.

ACCREDITATION PRESSURES
The Joint Commission's Pain Management Standards are gaining priority in hospital surveys.

ONLY 23% OF ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS IN THE US REPORTED HAVING AN OPIOID STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Primary goals of an opioid stewardship program
1. Decrease opioid use
2. Reduce harm related to opioid use
3. Identify and treat substance and opioid use disorders more effectively.

Data drives the dialogue – key metrics to reduce opioid use and manage risk
1. Exposure
2. General use on average MME per day, per patient
3. Utilization of multi-modal treatment
4. Patients at-risk for opioid-related adverse events

Elements for implementing or expanding an OSP
1. Engage leadership
2. Leverage pharmacy’s expertise
3. Optimize data usage
4. Identify opioid use status
5. Operationalize pain management strategies
6. Deliver provider support and education

Sentri7® Pharmacy's CDS helps to operationalize and optimize opioid stewardship programs
MME-powered rules improve patient safety and standardizes care
- Rule content
- Real-time monitoring
- Care interventions

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