**NCC MERP Meeting**

**October 7, 2024**

**1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Microsoft Teams**

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**Attendees:**

Matthew Grissinger (ISMP), Chair; Robert Campbell (JC), Vice Chair; Nakia Eldridge (USP), Secretariat; James McSpadden (AARP); Myong-Jim Kim (ACCP); Emily Peron (AGS); Holly Carpenter (ANA); Allison Hill (APhA); Avra Thomas (ASCP); Mary Ann Kliethermes (ASHP); Scott Kuzner (AAM); Jo Wyeth (FDA); Robert Feroli (MSOS); Eileen Lewalski (NABP); Carolyn Ha (PhRMA); Rita Brueckner (VA); Donna Bohannon (USP); Rita Munley Gallagher; Debbie Melnyk; Christopher Jerry

**Observers:** Stefanie Delpreet (ISMP); Madison Watts (USP)

**Opening, Procedural, and Administrative Matters**

Matthew Grissinger called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed everybody to the call. Nakia Eldridge called roll. The summary of the previous meeting was not available for review. Matthew Grissinger reviewed the agenda and shared that the bagging discussion would be moved to the next meeting due to a meeting conflict for the speaker.

**Secretariat Report**

* **Future Elections.** Every two years NCC MERP makes an official call for nominations of Chair and Vice Chair. Please be on the look out for the official call to be sent to you via email with information on who can apply and how to apply.
* **30th Anniversary Report.** Next year, NCC MERP will be celebrating its 30th anniversary, which means it is time to update our report. Rita Gallagher and Debbie Melnyk have participated in the development and update of these reports over the years and offered to perform the initial review for this version. Be on the look out for a link to be sent to the group to work off the 25th year version.
* **NCC MERP Linked-In Account.** In an effort to introduce NCC MERP to the public, Matthew Grissinger will be posting every 2 weeks content from the 25th year anniversary and re-posting information about the committee and what we do about. After about 10 posts, we ask the committee members to join in posting about their organization related work and efforts to connect more with this community.

**Recommendations / Statements Updates**

Matthew Grissinger provided an update on the next set of recommendations and statements for review:

* *Statement Advocating for the Elimination of Prescription Time Guarantees in Community.* This was previously a contentious topic and remains an issue. ISMP reviewed and added some updated data to this statement. ASHP has recently addressed this issue in a policy and the NABP has addressed it in their Model Act. The ask is for the committee to review and provide any updated information.
* *Recommendations to Reduce Medication Errors in Non-Healthcare Settings.* David Marx presented on this topic originally to ensure organizations address at-risk behaviors. The goal is to address why they are happening, share the need to decrease incentives, and highlight the risk of short-cuts and workarounds to safety. The committee discussed potentially addressing provider burn-out, substance use disorders, and over-time shifts but being careful of what is deemed a contributing factor. They discussed possible mitigating factors like safety walk-arounds, huddles, staffing, listening to the patient, and just culture.
* *Statement of Drug Shortages.* ISMP fellow gathered recommendations and drafted a rough draft for the committee to consider. ASHP and USP have presented to Congress and the White House around supply chain challenges and mitigation efforts. The committee should review and consider what is the suggestion and the value of this statement. Please provide thoughts for next meeting to discuss.

**Quarterly Topic**

* **Insurance Driven Formulary Changes**. Matthew Grissinger presented to the committee on the impact of formulary changes on patient safety and efficacy. For example, scenarios where the patient’s medication treatment plan is changed primarily for insurance formulary related reasons (e.g. DOACs). The committee discussed:
	+ the need for a patient-centric approach/ perspective
	+ the need for the patient/consumer to know what to ask about their treatment plan and to understand their rights
	+ the need to understand the cost of lack of efficacy and time going back and forth
	+ consider the impact of marketing on the patients request for certain formulary items

The ask for the committee is to consider the best channel for NCC MERP communicate this topic (e.g. press release, recommendation).

**Roundtable Sharing**

* ISMP shared that they have an article on barcode scanning enteral nutrition.
* USP shared that <7> Labeling has been revised. The draft went out for public comment and is now being reviewed.
* ACCP shared that they put out for position statement on Unregulated Psychotropic Products addressing the lack of oversight.
* Christopher Jerry shared Med Safety Scholars are providing CE accredited lectures on mitigating human errors.
* Debbie Melnyk shared the website griefrecoverymethod.com for those interested in accessing grief recovery specialist for any type of loss.

**Closing**: Meeting adjourned.