Standing Orders for Pharmacists

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Objectives

- Explore the Role of Standing Orders in pharmacy practice.
- Identify how HB2583, HB2525, and naloxone access bills are functioning in WV to improve access to self-administered hormonal contraception, tobacco cessation, and naloxone
- Discuss opportunities for collaboration and team-based care in pharmacy



Current Pharmacist Utilized Standing Orders

- Self-Administered Hormonal Contraceptives
- Tobacco Cessation
- Naloxone
- Immunizations



Why is access for hormonal contraception important?

- 6 million pregnancies in the US a year
- 37% are unplanned and unintended
- Most of these occurring in the 20-34 year age range
- About half of the unintended pregnancies end in abortion



Goal and Methods of Contraception

- Goal: Prevention of pregnancy following sexual intercourse
- Methods
 - Barrier Method
 - Create an unfavorable uterine environment

- Types of failure:
 - Method failure, perfect use failure, user failure, typicaluse failure



Resources Currently Available

- The Selected Training for WV provides continuous access to hands-on materials for easy screening and selection
- US Medical Eligibility Criteria (US MEC) for Contraceptive Use (2016) www.cdc.gov/ reproductivehealth/contraception/mmwr/mec/ summary.html
- These have been tailored to the WV questionnaire and protocol for ease of use



Types of Self-Administered Hormonal Contraceptives

- Oral, Transdermal, Intravaginal Ring
- Combined Hormonal Contraceptives: estrogen and progestin
 - Estrogens available as: ethinyl estradiol (EE), mestranol, estradiol valerate
 - Doses of ethinyl estradiol (EE) range between 20-50 mcg/day
- Progestin-Only Contraceptives:
 - Norgestrel, levonorgestrel, ethynodiol diacetate, levonorgestrel, norethindrone, desogestrel and norgestimate, drospirenone



Types of Oral Contraceptives

Monophasic

- Three weeks with each tablet containing the same amount of medication
- One week of inactive tablets
- Multiphasic
 - Different amount of hormone in 3 different sets of "phases" of months and then a week of inactive tablets



Considerations when Selecting Self-Administered Hormonal Contraception

- Complete medical exam and Pap smear are not required before hormonal contraception is provided
- What should be done?
 - Medical History
 - Blood pressure measurement
 - Discussion of benefits, risks, and adverse effects with each patient

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. U.S. Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use, 2010. *MMWR* 2010;59(RR04):1–85.

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HB 2583: The Family Planning Access Act - The Bill

- The Family Planning Access Act passed during the WV Legislative Session 2019.
- The passage of this bill made West Virginia the 10th state in the nation to permit a pharmacist to dispense a self-administered hormonal contraceptive under a standing prescription drug order by the State Health Officer.
- This bill is limited to individuals 18 years or older.
- Patients must complete a self-screening risk assessment questionnaire. The patient is then assessed for safety and appropriateness of hormonal contraceptive use by a trained pharmacist. Counseling from a pharmacist on appropriate administration and storage, potential side effects and risks, the need for backup contraception, when to seek emergency medical attention, the risk of contracting a sexually transmitted infection or disease, and ways to reduce the risk of contraction is provided.



Stakeholders

- Representatives from around the state began meeting shortly after the bill was signed by the Governor to design implementation documents.
- Bureau for Public Health, Family Planning Program, State Medical Officer, Board of Pharmacy, Board of Medicine, Schools of Pharmacy, OB/GYNs worked to tailor other state programs for WV patients.
- Evaluated appropriate screening tools and training programs.
- Program circulated to pharmacy, medical, nursing practitioners, and others for feedback.
- Met with key state payer stakeholders for implementing a process for pharmacy reimbursement.



Visual of How it works: Patient Perspective

- Similar to getting an immunization at the pharmacy.
- Patient presents at pharmacy and request pharmacist-provided counseling and hormonal contraception.
- Completes Self-assessment Questionnaire for hormonal contraception.
- Consults with pharmacist regarding most appropriate hormonal contraception or applicable referral for other methods.
- If yes and a NEW type: It is <u>recommended</u> that the patient gets prescription for up to 3 months of new type. Then close to the end of the 3 month period there is a follow-up consult (could be via phone). If no issues, prescription is issued for remainder of 12 months. If change needed, reevaluation is done and change made with prescription issued.). It is permissible for the pharmacist, if in his or her professional judgement determining it is appropriate to do so, to provide the full 3 months with a year refills at the initial visit.
- If yes and patient been on before: Gets prescription and may get up to 3 months with refills for up to 12 months.
- If no, referral made to appropriate additional health care provider.
- Education completed regardless of path above.



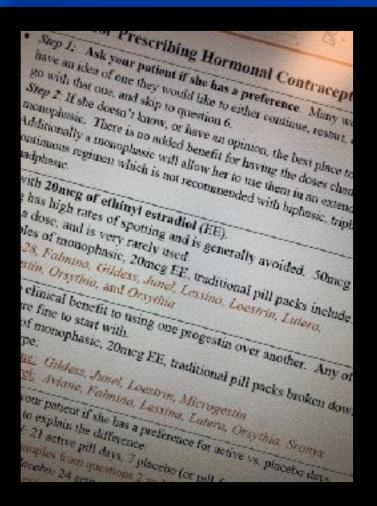
Visual of How it works: Pharmacist Perspective

- Training and registration with WV Board of Pharmacy.
- Process is similar to above, Use Questionnaire as the RX.
- Counseling is vital in the assessment and selection process
- Must keep the Questionnaire on file even if no contraception is dispensed as documentation of the visit and consultation.
- Must notify PCP, if hormonal birth control provided
- Provide referrals as applicable



Training for Pharmacists

- A 4-hour web-based continuing education program.
- Developed by multiple disciplines including several OBGYN members on ACOG.
- Currently used by 9 other states as the preferred training program.
- Tailored to WV specific law and protocol.
- Continually available for reference.





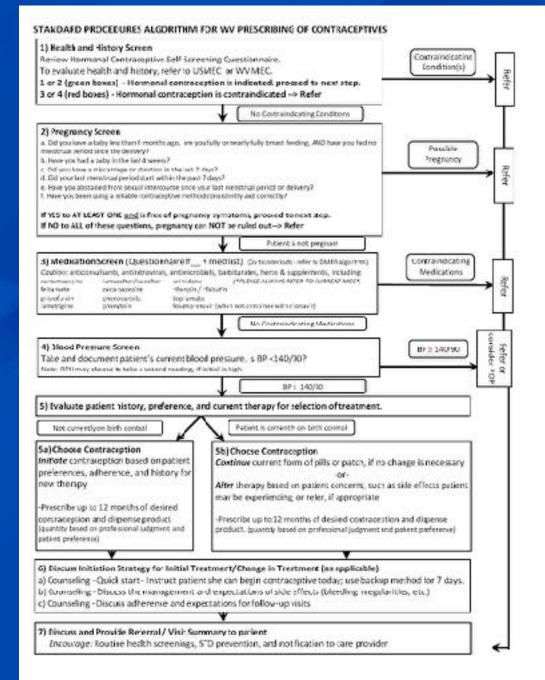
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HB 2525: Tobacco Cessation Therapy Act

- The Tobacco Cessation Therapy Act Passed during the WV Legislative Session 2019
- The standing order is issued pursuant to WV Code §16-56 Tobacco Cessation Therapy Access Act which permits the State Health Officer, on a statewide basis, to prescribe tobacco cessation therapies according to the requirements of this order.
- This bill is limited to individuals 18 years or older
- Patients must complete a self-screening risk assessment questionnaire. Patients must meet the approved criteria when using the WV Tobacco Use Questionnaire to qualify to receive a selected medication. If the assessment indicates that it is safe to dispense the patient preferred tobacco cessation therapy, the pharmacist has the authority to dispense it.
- Tobacco Cessation Therapy must include both medication and behavioral coaching.



How it works

- The patient indicates to the Pharmacist that they want to quit using tobacco.
- The patient and pharmacist complete the Tobacco Cessation Self-Screening Questionnaire and if the assessment indicates that it is safe to dispense the patient preferred tobacco cessation therapy, the pharmacist has the authority to dispense it.
- Tobacco Cessation Therapy must include both medication and behavioral coaching.
- The pharmacist, in consultation with the client, may select any nicotine replacement product, bupropion SR, Varenicline, or Evidence-based combination therapies at dosing per Clinical Practice Guideline: Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence (most recent update available) and the Mayo Clinic Guidelines.
- If the patient selects nicotine replacement products supplied by the WV Tobacco Quitline, the referral will be provided using the Referral Form or online referral.
- Behavioral coaching may be provided by the Pharmacist (if qualified with CTTS) or the by the WV Tobacco Quitline.
- Follow-up monitoring and evaluation shall occur initially after 2 weeks to determine
 effectiveness, adverse effects, and progress with therapy. The Coaching calls and follow-up
 may occur via the pharmacist and/or the WV Quitline, but the method must be clearly
 documented. If follow-up monitoring and evaluation indicate therapy is warranted,
 medication refills may be authorized until the recommended duration of therapy is complete.

Training for Pharmacists

At this time there are two training programs in preparation. Pharmacists can complete either to be eligible to participate in this protocol.

- 1. A 3-hour web-based program
- 2. A 3-hour live program

Both programs cover the pharmacotherapy of the medications involved, the basics of motivational interviewing, epidemiology of smoking in WV and the details of the how the Tobacco Cessation Therapy Access Act works.

If a pharmacist has the CTTS certification, there is a 1 hour CE of just how the protocol works.

Naloxone

There are 3 ways that a pharmacist can provide naloxone without a physician/NP/PA prescription.

- 1. Pursuant to West Virginia Code§16-46-3a, there is a protocol created by the Board of Pharmacy in consultation with the Bureau for Public Health permitting a pharmacist or pharmacy intern to dispense an opioid antagonist without a prescription
- 2. Per the Naloxone Standing Order issued by State Health Officer
- 3. Per HB 4102 (session 2020) permitting pharmacist to provide to certain groups who are providing scientifically proven ways of mitigating health risks associated with substance use disorders and other high-risk behaviors provides naloxone and basic education



Immunizations

WV Law

- 18+:Permits pharmacists to order/administer and interns to administer all ACIP recommended vaccines for ages 18+
- Ages 11-17 years: Permits pharmacists/interns to administer
 all ACIP recommended vaccines with rx from physician

PER PREP Act 3rd Amendment – supersedes WV law

- In addition, Permits pharmacists to order and administer and interns and pharmacy technicians (properly trained) to administer all ACIP vaccines for those ages 3-17 and for ages 18+ pharmacy technicians may administer influenza



Other opportunities for team-based care

- Collaborative Pharmacy Practice
- Inpatient opportunities
- Outpatient opportunities
- Collaborating with pharmacists to improve patient outcomes
 - American Medical Associations StepsForward Program
 - https://edhub.ama-assn.org/steps-forward/module/2702554



Summary

- Increased opportunities to improve access
- Team-based care across providers
- 4 programs: two getting started and two proven effective



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