

Resolution to the New York State Council of Health System Pharmacists

Committee: Westchester County Society of Health-System Pharmacists

Topic: Labeling of Intended Indication on the Prescription Label of Patient Medications

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Whereas, Any one medication can have many indications or target organs other than that intended for the patient, and,

Whereas, It is possible for patients who may be on many medications to not remember what condition that it was originally prescribed for, and,

Whereas, This could lead to the patient taking the medication for an unintended reason unnecessarily and, in the worst case, with possible adverse outcomes, and,

Whereas, Labeling the patients prescription label with indication or organ target would lead to a better understanding by the patient and other healthcare providers of his or her condition, and,

Whereas, Having the indication on the label of the prescription would enhance hospital Medication Reconciliation programs, which have already been of proven benefit to patients, therefore, be it

Resolved That:

The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists encourage the New York State Board of Pharmacy to create a provision within the rules of the Board of Regents, to mandate the inclusion of the intended indication or target organ on the label of a prescribed medication.

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