

E.P.I.C.

Electronic Pharmacist Information Consultant
A Service of Pharma-Care, Inc. / Creative Care Consulting, LLC.

What is E.P.I.C.

We are committed to our vital role in the healthcare team by providing thorough and quick medication information for the patient's safety.

The Electronic Pharmacist Information Consultant (E.P.I.C.) is a unique pharmacy consulting service offered exclusively by Pharma-Care, Inc.; in New Jersey and their sister company Creative Care Consulting, LLC, in other states. E.P.I.C. provides a comprehensive medication review of a resident within 48 business hours of receipt.

E.P.I.C. is a proactive service that promotes positive outcomes for residents and facilities.

E.P.I.C. assists with compliance in addition to the monthly consultant visit.

E.P.I.C. for New Admission and Readmission residents in LTC facilities

New admissions and Readmissions to a long-term care facility often enter after a hospital stay. At this most critical stage in their care, the health care staff may have to wait up to 30 days for the next scheduled visit by their consulting pharmacist for a review of the resident's medication regimen. This wait puts the resident at risk for complications and possible hospitalization. Using E.P.I.C. hastens the medication review process by providing a complete and thorough assessment of an admission.

E.P.I.C. for Change of Status in a resident in LTC facilities

Residents who experience a change of status as defined by the federal guidelines can have their medications reviewed.

E.P.I.C. for Antibiotic Stewardship in a resident in LTC facilities

This review addresses the use of antibiotics in order to improve resident outcome and possibly reduce adverse events.

E.P.I.C. in other health care settings

E.P.I.C. use is not limited to long-term care facilities. Medication review can be a valuable tool and is available to any environment where assessing medications can impact upon wellbeing. Such environments include assisted living facilities, transitional care units, medical day care, and group homes.

E.P.I.C. reviews are available to non-client facilities as well.

E.P.I.C. is easy to use

1. Facilities that have an EMAR system and would like us to obtain direct access for new admissions and readmissions can contact us for specific instructions.
2. Facilities that have paper MAR or EMAR facilities that chose to fax in requests, can fax the completed E.P.I.C. cover sheet along with patient information to the EPIC Department at: 732-574-3469 / 732-574-3926 / 732-943-3571 / 732-943-3572.
3. The E.P.I.C. Consultant Pharmacist will review and make recommendations for the resident based on the information reasonably provided.
4. You will receive a complete, comprehensive, written assessment via fax and/or email that was provided to us within 48 business hours of receipt.

Patient benefits

- ❖ Improves quality of care
- ❖ Individually tailored assessments

Staff benefits

- ❖ Identifies potential risk of falls & hospitalization
- ❖ Identifies drug interactions
- ❖ Reduces risk of medication errors
- ❖ Early identification of potential medication side effects
- ❖ Advises nurses about proper medication administration and storage

Facility benefits

- ❖ Cost effective
- ❖ Keeps facility in compliance with Nursing Home Survey Guidelines regarding unnecessary medications and timeliness of pharmacy consultant review
- ❖ Keeps facility in compliance with the NJ State Advisory Pharmacy Regulation (NJAC8:39-30.3)
- ❖ Satisfies JCAHO requirements
- ❖ Decreases liability of facility by helping to meet facility-wide "safe medication practice guidelines"

Avoid the potentially dangerous and costly consequences of waiting up to 30 days for a medication review. E.P.I.C. provides thorough assessments at the critical intake stage.



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