

The group is named the Delaware Formulary Advisory Board and has as members four physicians, four pharmacists, one dentist and one osteopath with each member being appointed by the respective Delaware professional society.

The objective of the Board is to devise a method by which quality drugs can be prescribed and dispensed at reasonable cost. The plan calls for a pilot program whereby by mutual agreement selected drugs would be recommended to the health professionals by virtue of their quality and relative reasonable price. To date the pilot study includes seven items.

The program is voluntary. If the prescriber gives permission to use a formulary drug, the dispenser is expected to supply the one suggested by the Board.

The program is to have an educational component for the health practitioners so the objective can be achieved. The education has not been implemented because of the need for funding.

There has been some concern about whether or not this program is in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

Enclosed is information on the Board.

1. The Delaware Formulary Advisory Board. A memorandum dated January 19, 1971, from the Medical Society of Delaware.
2. Guidelines for the Creation of a Formulary for Delaware Practitioners.
3. Protocol to be Followed by Delaware Formulary Board in Considering a Product for Listing in the Formulary.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE,
Wilmington, Del., January 19, 1971.

Re: The Delaware Formulary Advisory Board.

To Whom It May Concern:

The Delaware Formulary Advisory Board was created a couple of years ago by the respective State Associations representing medicine, osteopathy, dentistry and pharmacy. The purpose was to devise a method by which quality drugs could be prescribed and dispensed at reasonable cost. The plan of operation was to create a voluntary and pilot program whereby mutual agreement selected drugs could be recommended to our various professions by virtue of their established quality and relative reasonable price. To date the pilot study includes seven items. If the prescriber gives permission for use of a formulary drug, the dispenser is expected to supply the one suggested by the Board. After a year of active implementation of this program, a study will be undertaken to compare the cost factors.

The Medical Society of Delaware is on record as approving this as a voluntary and pilot program as an experimental means of helping to maintain quality and reduce health costs.

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GUIDELINES FOR THE CREATION OF A FORMULARY FOR DELAWARE PRACTITIONERS OF MEDICINE, OSTEOPATHY, DENTISTRY, AND PHARMACY

INTRODUCTION

As members of the health team, physicians, dentists and pharmacists have been traditionally allied by their mutual efforts to provide the best of health care and treatment services to the public.

The advent of modern day drug treatment has brought not only new hope and renewed health to many, but also has underscored the value of the professional bonds among all members of the health team. It is, therefore, logical that those health professions dealing with modern chemotherapy should strive not only for excellence in this care, but also to recognize their obligation to provide this care at a minimum cost to the public.

Recent action by the Federal Government has underscored the general concern of the public in the cost of drugs. It would, therefore, appear that any moves which could be made at the local level to reduce patient drug cost without sacrificing the quality of therapy would be well received by the