

8652 COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

TO: Clinic Director (00) March 20, 1972

FROM: Chief, Pharmacy Service (119)

SUBJ: Meeting of the Therapeutic Agents
and Pharmacy Review Committee.

1. In accordance with VA Manual M-2, Part I, Chapter 3, Change 5, dated August 4, 1967 the Meeting of the Therapeutic Agents and Pharmacy Reviews Committee was called to order by Arthur J Hadler, M.D. - Acting Chairman on Monday March 20, 1972 at 1:30 PM.

2. Those present were: Arthur J. Hadler, M.D. - Acting Chairman
Dale G. Friend, M.D.
Isadore J. Karlsberg, M.D.
Nathan Williams, M.D.
Alvin M. Cahan, M.D.
Frances E. Cullen, R.N.
Lawrence N. Larson, R.Ph. - Secretary

3. The following information is submitted:

(1) Out of a total of 6,903 Fee-Basis Prescriptions filled for the 2nd Quarter FY72:

(a) VA Pharmacy Filled	4,318
(b) Hometown Pharmacy Filled	2,585
(c) Percentage Filled by VA Pharmacy approximately	63%

(2) The average cost of an A&A prescription filled for the 3rd Quarter FY 72 was \$3.43.

4. The Committee reviewed the Clinic's "Prescription Formulary" which consists of a list of the most active items stocked by the Pharmacy and indicates the relative cost, dosage form, therapeutic category and code of each item so that the physician can locate the item in the "American Hospital Formulary Service" should he desire more detailed information. A copy of this Formulary will be distributed to all our physicians and dentists (including fee-basis physicians).

5. Emergency Treatment of Narcotic Intoxication with ~~Naloxone~~ Naloxone HCl (Narcan) indicates that it is an effective opioid narcotic antagonist with important advantages over other narcotic antagonists (Nalline and Lorfan) the most important being the reversal of narcotic-induced respiratory depression. Narcan can also counteract the narcotic effects of Pentazocine (Talwin).

After the establishment of adequate ventilation, naloxone (about 0.8 mg for an adult) is administered intravenously. Its maximal effect takes about 2 to 3 minutes. The dose can be repeated once or twice at 5 minute intervals.

NOTE: Not subject to narcotic controls. (NARCAN INJECTION 0.4mg/ml -