

GENERAL COMMENTS

Purpose: In the past assigned physicians have not had a simple, convenient way to compare the costs of similar pharmaceuticals. In many cases, one of several available pharmaceuticals can be used to treat a specific illness. In such cases, cost can be the deciding factor; therefore, why not prescribe the less expensive medication. This pamphlet is intended to give assigned physicians a means of making a choice between similar (selected) drugs when price may be the deciding factor. In addition to pharmaceuticals, this pamphlet also includes a list of other medical and non-medical material items (group 28) which, over this organization's 12/21/64-41 during the 12 month period ending 31 March 1972. The professional staff, sections, supervisory personnel, and cost center managers are encouraged to seek ways and means through coordinated management actions to reduce consumption of these items, as well as pharmaceuticals, whenever possible. All such management actions implemented should be brought to the attention of Mr. Richards, the Hospital Resource Management Officer, for reporting in the USAF Suggestion and/or Resource Conservation Programs.

Item Group	Total Annual Cost for Period ending 31 Mar 72	Summary of Trends by Major Groups of Items		
		Cost for Qtr ending 31 Dec 71	Cost for Qtr ending 31 Mar 72	Cost differences between last two quarters
1. Cardiac Therapy	553,192.15	\$13,221	\$15,408	+2,187
2. Tranquilizers-Anxiolytics	32,949.63	9,448	7,111	-2,337
3. Antacids	6,207.70	1,806	1,439	- 367
4. Anti-diarrhea	3,270.72	497	659	+ 162
5. Antidepressants	9,571.33	2,973	2,332	- 641
6. Anti Leukemia	2,352.56	906	409	- 497
7. Anti Cholesterol	3,316.32	907	1,199	+ 292
8. Anti Obesity	2,134.30	878	30	- 848
9. Antipsychotic	11,929.90	3,183	2,452	- 731
10. Anti Anemics	3,518.00	792	674	- 118
11. Diuretics	3,212.55	726	907	+ 181
12. Antibiotics	39,172.87	12,830	12,143	- 687
13. Anti Lactation	1,090.45	434	115	- 319
14. Birth Control	11,559.06	2,887	2,730	- 157
15. Food	704.09	506	144	- 416
16. Anti Diabetes	7,738.04	2,234	1,705	- 529
17. Anti Gout	5,349.87	1,473	1,473	0
18. Topical Preparation	14,371.05	3,833	4,123	+ 290
19. Analgesics	32,103.02	9,838	7,824	-2,014
20. Antihistamine	3,287.02	759	1,591	+ 832
21. Decongestion-Nephthastamine	26,975.83	6,988	7,285	+ 297
22. Liquid Cold Prepa/4 oz	4,807.82	1,163	1,929	+ 766
23. Laxatives	5,332.86	1,389	1,445	+ 56
24. Misc Drug	4,977.04	1,261	2,036	+ 775
25. Hormone	7,484.10	1,757	2,272	+ 515
26. Anti Asthmatic	1,548.50	423	586	+ 163
27. Muscle Relaxants	3,655.60	909	1,344	+ 435
28. Other High Cost material items	131,216.44	36,353	35,074	-1,279
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