SPOR 16th Annual European Congress

The PHARMO team has been present at the ISPOR Annual European Congress in Dublin, Ireland, November 2-6, 2013.

We are pleased to announce that three of our studies have been presented.

- User and treatment characteristics of oral contraceptives in the European Union (PIH58)
- Current characteristics, treatment and healthcare consumption of patients with asthma or COPD in the Netherlands (PRS9)
- Characteristics of children and adolescents using proton pump inhibitors or histamine-2-receptor antagonists: analysis of THIN and PHARMO databases (PGI7)

PhUSE 2013 - Pharmaceutical Users Software Exchange Annual Conference

PHARMO has been present at the PhUSE Conference. The PhUSE 2013 Conference was held from October 13th to October 16th in Brussels, Belgium and has the main topic "Patient Centricity".

Last year, PhUSE started a new stream related to topics in health outcomes and epidemiology research. This was very successful. Therefore, the stream was continued this year, and was again lead by Berber Snoeijer who is R&D Manager at the PHARMO Institute. Rients van Wijngaarden, datamanager at the Pharmo Institute, has given
The PHARMO team has been present at the 29th ICPE in Montreal, Canada, August 25-28, 2013.

We are pleased to announce that six of our studies have been presented:

- User and treatment characteristics of oral contraceptives in the European Union
- Post authorization safety study comparing quetiapine to risperidone and olanzapine
- Exacerbation recurrence rates in patients with moderate to very severe COPD in the Netherlands: a real-life study
- Characteristics and determinants of palivizumab use in the Netherlands
- Trends in prevalence of antibacterial drug use among Dutch children from 2005 until 2010
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For more details: www.pharmacoepi.org

PHARMO has been present at the PhUSE Single Day Event, which has been held on Monday June 10, 2013 in Beerse, Belgium. The theme of the day was "Data Transparency and Submission Standards".

Berber Snoeijer who is R&D Manager at the PHARMO Institute presented at this Single Day Event. Her presentation was entitled. "Creating patient treatment journeys based on outpatient pharmacy data using an extended macro toolbox".

In many European countries the landscape of drug marketing and sales is changing. Reimbursement strategies are changing and a good relation with insurance companies becomes more and more important. One of the consequences is that pharmacy companies have an increasing need to see which patients in what line of treatment are using their products or could use their products. PHARMO has therefore developed a standard SAS® macro toolbox to transform outpatient pharmacy data of up to 15 years ago into an individual treatment journey per patient. These journeys per patient are used to create custom made overviews of patient journeys with a particular indication like diabetes, COPD or cardiovascular diseases.

The transition into a journey per patient is a complex process in which many steps have to be taken to account for all sorts of exceptions and data errors. When using a macro toolbox the overview of the process in SAS largely increases and debugging and adding later changes becomes much more efficient. This presentation focussed on the development of the standard macro toolbox used for creating the treatment journeys.

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