

Classification of Drug related problems - PCNE Classification V 8.02

Case 1: Mrs. Tarning

You are the pharmacist and Mrs. Tarning comes in to ask you to recommend an OTC sleep aid (some OTC drug). In your conversation with her, you learn her husband has recently passed away and she is not feeling well. You believe she is probably depressed from this situation and you should probably call her physician (arrange her a visit).

Case 2: Mr. Howard

You accidentally fill an Rx for penicillin for Mr. Howard who is allergic to penicillin. Before you can call him he takes the penicillin. He claims he's fine when you reach him by phone that evening. When you reach his home his neighbor tells you Mr. Howard is in the emergency room in hospital.

Case 3: amlodipin

A patient presents a new Rx Norvasc 10 mg (amlodipine) for BP of 164/102. He has never had blood pressure (BP) of 164/102. He has never had this medicine before. You think this is too high a dose (usual initial dose is 2.5 mg dose per day). How do you re-phrase the sentence "dose is too high" in words that will not offend the prescriber (doctor)?

Case 4: Mrs. Anton

Mrs Anton, an 87 year old lady, has been taking digoxin 0.25 mg daily for her atrial fibrillation for 3 years. Recently you have noticed that she is getting increasingly frail and may have lost weight. Today morning she presents a new prescription for digoxin. While you prepare the prescription in pharmacy, she tells you that she has been having visual disturbance and wonders if she needs her glasses replaced. You recognise the possible side effect of the digoxin and tell her not to take the digoxin for one day and to go to her GP tomorrow to explain her symptoms.