

*We are committed to our vital role in the healthcare team by providing thorough and quick medication information for the patient's safety.*

*The first few days after admission to a facility are stressful for new residents and the staff that attends to them. New admissions often enter after a stay in the hospital. They have probably begun a new medication regimen.*

*What are the potential side effects and interactions of the new medications? Health care staff needs to know.*

*E.P.I.C. provides a thorough and complete medication assessment of the new admission via fax within 48 business hours.*

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***Take a proactive step in preventing the cost and stress of correcting medication problems... use E.P.I.C.!***

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### **E.P.I.C. is easy to use**

1. Fax the new patient information to the EPIC Department at: 732-574-3469/732-574-3926.
2. The E.P.I.C. Consultant Pharmacist will review and make recommendations for your new patient based on the information provided.
3. You will receive a complete, comprehensive, written assessment via fax or email within 48\* business hours after submission.

### **Get the facts\*\***

Eighty-three percent of new residents at long-term care facilities may be at very high risk for adverse drug reactions.

- ▼ When using E.P.I.C., drug interactions are identified within two days versus 20 days without E.P.I.C.
- ▼ With E.P.I.C., physician response time averages ten days versus 26 days without E.P.I.C.
- ▼ E.P.I.C. helps professional staff avoid medication errors.
- ▼ E.P.I.C. helps identify potential adverse effects that may result in hospitalization of resident.

\*Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

\*\*Data from a 2003 study on file at Pharma-Care, Inc.

### **Patient benefits**

- ▼ Improves quality of care
- ▼ Individually tailored assessments
- ▼ Reduces risk of falls & hospitalization

### **Staff benefits**

- ▼ Identifies drug interactions
- ▼ Reduces risk of medication errors
- ▼ Identifies potential adverse drug interactions
- ▼ Early identification of potential medication side effects
- ▼ Saves precious nursing time by avoiding the duplication of therapies
- ▼ Thorough explanation of new medications and nursing interventions for each individual

### **Facility benefits**

- ▼ Cost effective
- ▼ Keeps facility in compliance with F329 & F428 of Nursing Home Survey Guidelines regarding unnecessary medications and timeliness of pharmacy consultant review
- ▼ Keeps facility in compliance with the NJ State Advisory Pharmacy Regulation (NJAC8:39-30.3)
- ▼ Satisfies JCAHO requirements
- ▼ Decreases liability of facility by helping to meet facility-wide "safe medication practice guidelines"

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***Avoid the potentially dangerous and costly consequences of waiting up to 30 days for a medication review.***

***E.P.I.C. provides thorough assessments at the critical intake stage.***

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