

Patient medication issues code book

TalkDoc: generally how docs have talked to them about medicines, including about what the medicine is for, risks and benefits, and how they feel about taking medicines.

WantKnow: What they want to know about their medicines.

ChangeBeh: About doctor talking to patients about changing behaviors to help medicines work better, or to avoid taking medicines.

DecideTake: How patients decide whether to take medicines.

Opinion: About who's opinion matters regarding medicines and experiences when another person's opinion influenced them regarding their medicine.

Pharm: anything about pharmacists including if their advice ever changed a patient's opinion about medicines, experiences in asking questions of pharmacists, opinions about pharmacists and the knowledge base of pharmacists.

Didn'tTake: Anything about not wanting to take a prescribed medicine, or deciding to stop taking a prescribed medicine, including concerns about side effects, cost, necessity. How they decide priorities regarding which medicines to take if they're not going to take them all as prescribed. Also, in what way they didn't take it – didn't fill the prescription, filled it but didn't take it. Whether they told their doctor about not taking the medicine.

AskDoc: Anything about having seen an ad in the media or heard about a medicine from someone, and asking a doctor to prescribe it, or asking a doctor if the medicine would be beneficial to them.

SaveMed: About filling prescriptions and saving the medicines, but rarely or never taking the medicine.

DocRevMeds: About the doctor reviewing their whole list of medicines. Note, this is a separate code from TalkDoc. How the doc goes through the review, how often, when, if he/she asks to see meds, see med list, asks about meds another doc may have prescribed.

OrgMeds: How they organize their medicines or system for taking their medicines, such as with pill boxes, reminders, keep in sight on a table, etc.

ProbAdhere: Anything about problems adhering to their medication regimen, taking the meds as prescribed, in the right amounts, at the right times, and in the right way (with or without food, not laying down, etc.). This code will include what the problems are, why they have these problems, what makes the problems worse, what helps them overcome the problems or makes it easier to take their meds correctly.

ForgetDo: What they do when they forget to take a dose of medicine.

SideAffects: Anything about side affects including which are the most troublesome, which meds have annoying side affects, what they do when they experience side affects.

Labels: Anything regarding medication packaging and labels, including whether they have difficulty reading or understanding labels, whether they get them in Spanish, if they bother to read labels, if they get help reading labels, etc.

DrugPrintInfo: Anything about the printouts that come from the pharmacy with the medications including, whether they have difficulty reading or understanding the printouts, whether they get them in Spanish, if they bother to read the printouts, if they get help reading the printouts, etc.

Alcohol: About their perspectives on the label attached to the packaging of many medicines recommending avoidance of alcohol, including whether they adhere to this recommendation, whether they take it seriously, how they deal with this recommendation in their day to day lives or for special events.

PayMeds: Discussion of having had troubles paying for medicines, including whether talked to doctor about it, whether doc ever asked them if they had difficulty paying for medicines, what they've done when could not pay for medicines, experience with medication assistance programs, use of samples, and what they did when the samples ran out.

ShareMed: Anything about having borrowed medicines from someone else or having shared their own meds with someone else, including what, why, circumstances of the sharing, how they felt about it, perspective of risks and benefits involved in the sharing, and if told the doctor about sharing.

ImportMeds: About having brought medicines from another country or used medicines that someone else has brought from another country, or known others who have done so, including which meds, why, and if told doctor about it.

NoScript: About having bought prescription medicines without a prescription (either in the US, or if outside the US, then double code with ImportMeds) in any way, including what, where, why, and if told doctor about it.

Internet: About having bought medicines on the internet.

ExpDate: Perspectives on whether it is important to note the expiration date of medicines, and whether they do note these dates, and what they do with medicines that have expired, including taking the medicines. This may include taking their own expired medicines, or taking others' expired medicines, including those of a deceased spouse. In this case cross code with ShareMed.

OTC: Anything about over the counter medicines (non-prescription), and whether generally inform the doctor of the medicines of this sort that they take.

HealthStores: Anything about medicines, herbs, vitamins, teas, etc. that are purchased at health food stores, Tiendas de Salud Natural, or botánicas, and whether tell doctor about these, and if so, doctors' reactions.

GreatQuotes: Use this code to note really terrific quotes that we'll want to be sure to use somewhere in a publication, about any topic.