

**Minutes of the 6th meeting of the
Network for the Prevention of Medication Errors
Wednesday 10 November 2010 from 13:00-16:00
at the Danish Medicines Agency
Meeting room Salix**

- **Welcome**
- **“Latest news” presented by the Danish Medicines Agency**
 - **Including information about medicine consumption from the Danish Medicines Agency’s department of Statistics & Analysis**
- **Experience with ethnic minorities and medication, Lene Lauridsen, Odense Sct. Hans Pharmacy**
- ***Break***
- **Briefing on pharmaceutical-related intoxication, Kim Dalhoff, Danish Poison Control Hotline**
- **Latest news from the High-Risk Medicines Working Group**
- **Date of next meeting is 14 April 2010**
- **Any other business**

“Latest news” presented by the Danish Medicines Agency

Anne-Marie Vangsted briefed the members on the book “Piller og Baciller” a Danish children’s book targeting children and their parents obtainable from the Danish Medicines Agency. Anne-Marie Vangsted informed the Network that presently the Danish Medicines Agency had submitted a number of Danish executive orders for consultation at Høringsportalen, a Danish consultation portal, and that comments could be sent to the Danish Medicines Agency.

Information about medicine consumption, Helle Johansen, the Danish Medicines Agency’s department of Statistics & Analysis (see presentation in Danish only)

Following a presentation of the area, it was discussed that the doctor’s authorisation ID is sometimes missing on the prescriptions, which results in inappropriate registration of medicines prescribed. Annemarie Hellebek encouraged the Agency to draw up a couple of transparencies/slides to motivate prescribers to write their authorisation ID on prescriptions, the idea being for Kim Dalhoff and Annemarie Hellebek to include the slides in their teaching programme for new doctors.

Experience with ethnic minorities and medication, Lene Lauridsen, Odense Sect. Hans Pharmacy (see presentation in Danish only)

Lene Lauridsen encouraged the Danish Medicines Agency to prepare teaching material (e.g. short videos) on the internet in foreign languages about medicine – including contact with the Danish health sector, rules on generic substitution and reimbursement. The Danish Medicines Agency’s patient safety competence team has subsequently forwarded this proposal to the Communications Department of the Danish Medicines Agency.

Briefing on pharmaceutical-related intoxication, Kim Dalhoff, Danish Poison Control Hotline (see presentation in Danish only)

It was discussed that children’s dosages for paracetamol-products could possibly be made clearer. Kim Dalhoff assessed that it is often the parents who administer an incorrect dose. Pharmacies also report that it occurs that the one parent administers the dose first, and then the other parent also gives the medicine, thus resulting in overdosage. Abuse of methylphenidate in adolescents was discussed, and cooperation between the Danish Poison Control Hotline and the Danish Medicines Agency’s Consumer Safety Division has been established.

Latest news from the High-Risk Medicines Working Group

Annemarie Hellebek told the Network that the people behind the Working Group have commented on the draft report. The concept of "high-risk medicines" was discussed.

Any other business

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Participants:

Sonja Paltoft, PharmaDanmark
Mette Bjersing, Nycomed, the Danish Association of the Pharmaceutical Industry
Pia Knudsen, Infomatum, Danish Drug Information
Marianne Lisby, Danish Nurses' Organization and Central Denmark Region
Marie Lund, Amgros
Asta Haahr Nielsen, Capital Region Pharmacy, Association of Hospital Pharmacies in Denmark
Mette Gram-Hansen, Association of Danish Pharmacies
Helle Byg Armandi, PharmaDanmark
Marianne Hald Larsen, Amgros
Henning Willads Petersen, Association of Hospital Pharmacies in Denmark
Kirsten Kokholm, Danish Rheumatism Association, Danish Patients
Synne Øhrberg, Risk Manager, Region Zealand
Karin Povlsen, Danish National Board of Health
Bente Dam, Amgros
Lilian Brøndgaard Nielsen, Hospital Pharmacy Aarhus
Annemarie Hellebek, Danish Medical Association
Marianne Gudik-Sørensen, Region Zealand
Linda A. Thomsen, Pharmakon
Janne Due Sommerset, Danish Nurses' Organization

Guest speakers:

Kim Dalhoff, Danish Poison Control Hotline
Lene Lauridsen, Sct. Hans Pharmacy Odense

Present from the Danish Medicines Agency:

Anne Marie Vangsted
Lone Stengelshøj Olsen
Charlotte Mortensen
Marie Melskens
Lene Havsteen
Helle Johansen
Kristine Rasmussen

Apologies from:

Flemming Mieth, Danish Association of Parallel Importers of Medicine
Helen Shennan, AstraZeneca, Danish Association of the Pharmaceutical Industry
Lena Storm, Danish Generic Medicines Industry Association
Anna Murphy, Danish National Board of Health
Geert Amstrup, Danish Medical Association
Hanne Borch Christensen, Risk Manager, Region Zealand