

# ENHANCE PATIENT SAFETY THROUGH MEDICATION COUNSELING

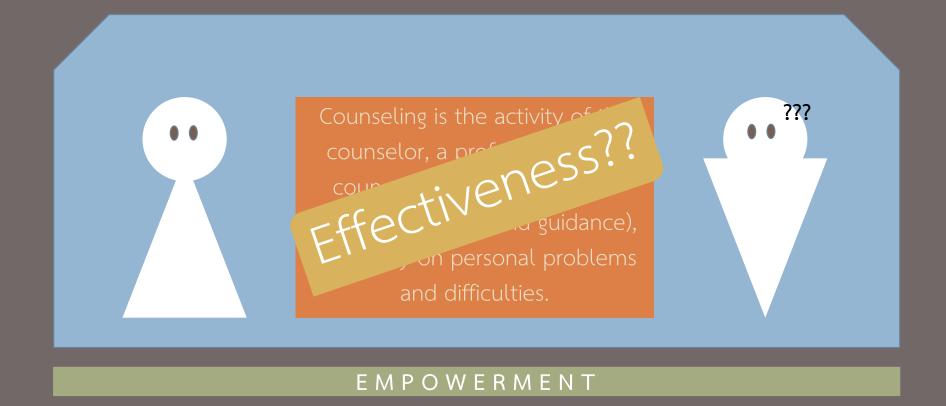
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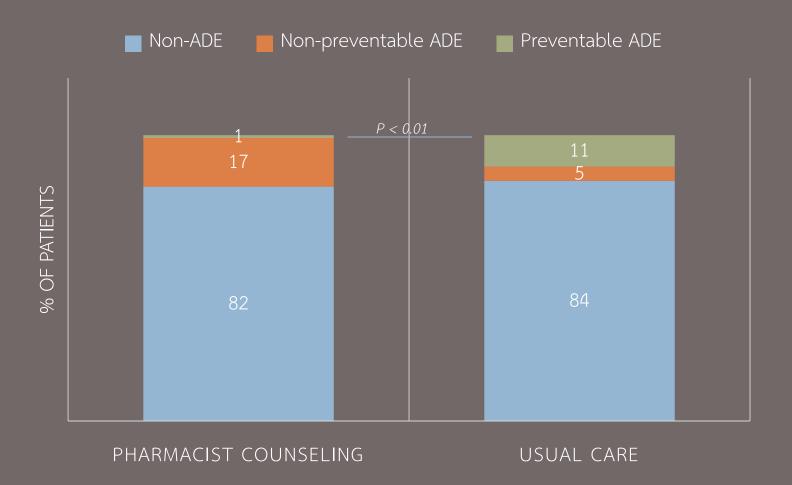


Counseling is the activity of the counselor, a professional who counsels people (gives them assistance, advice and guidance), especially on personal problems and difficulties.



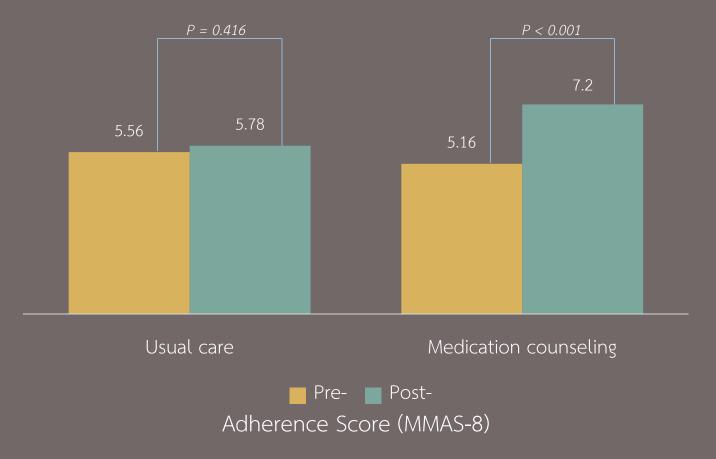
## EMPOWERMENT





Role of Pharmacist Counseling in Preventing Adverse Drug Events After Hospitalization.

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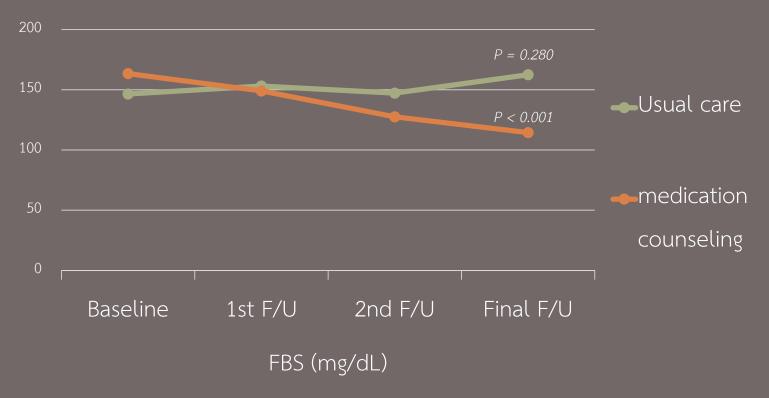
Evaluating the Effect of Pharmacist's Delivered Counseling on Medication Adherence and Glycemic Control in Patients with Diabetes Mellitus.

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## The Morisky 8-item medication adherence scale

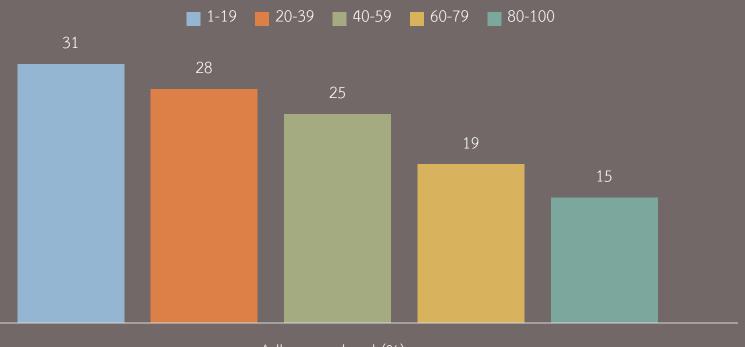
Do you sometimes forget to take your medicine?	No=1, Yes=0	
2. People sometimes miss taking their medicines for reasons other than forgetting. Over the past 2 weeks, were there any days when you did not take your medicine?	No=1, Yes=0	
Have you ever cut back or stopped taking your medicine without telling your doctor because you felt worse when you took it?	No=1, Yes=0	
4. When you travel or leave home, do you sometimes forget to bring your medicine?	No=1, Yes=0	
5. Did you take all your medicine yesterday?	Yes=1, No=0	
6. When you feel like your symptoms are under con- trol, do you sometimes stop taking your medicine?	No=1, Yes=0	
7. Taking medicine every day is a real inconvenience for some people. Do you ever feel hassled about sticking to your treatment plan?	No=1, Yes=0	
8. How often do you have difficulty remembering to take all your medicine? (A) Never/rarely (B) Once in a while (C) Sometimes (D) Usually (E) All of the time	(A)=4, (B)=3, (C)=2, (D)=1, (E)=0	Divide score by 4
Score: <6=Low adherence; 6-<8=Medium adherence; 8-	High adherence	



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## Estimated diabetes-related hospitalization risk



Adherence level (%)

Med Care 2005:43: 521–530

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### **Medication counseling:** An opportunity to reduce rehospitalizations

AMY K. ERICKSON

Hospital readmissions is a hot topic with a high price tag. In 2011, hospitals spent \$41.3 billion to treat patients readmitted within 30 days of discharge, according to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Patients with heart failure are a population of patients who are especially vulnerable to hospital readmission. Patients with heart failure are often prescribed numerous medications while in the hospital, which can be overwhelming. This creates an opportunity for both hospital and community pharmacists to collaborate to make sure these patients receive medication counseling and reconciliation during and after their hospital stay.

#### Patients and polypharmacy

"Pharmacists are increasingly central to complex medication management of hospitalized patients," said Larry A. Allen, MD, MHS, medical director of

published in a recent issue of Chest that examined the burden of multiple medications prescribed to patients with heart failure. Allen and colleagues ana-

medications at once may not be beneficial. "Hospitalization is an important event for patients with worsening heart failure, and it offers an opportunity to improve medical therapies," explained Advanced Heart Failure at University of Allen in an interview with Pharmacy Today. "However, forcing all poten-Allen is the lead author of a paper tial changes to occur before discharge, rather than over time, may create concentrated challenges for patients, clinicians and health systems"

The treatment and monitoring of

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lyzed Get With The Guidelines-Heart Failure registry data, which included a detailed capture of medication indications, contraindications, and prescribing at admission and discharge. The analysis showed that 47% of patients were recommended to start at least one new medication related to heart failure by discharge, 24% more than one, and 14% three or more to be in compliance with current heart failure guidelines and quality measures.

Although patients are prescribed heart failure medications to improve clinic associated with Mercy Hospital their health, being started on so many

patients with heart failure who are taking multiple medications requires team-based care, including pharmacy input, noted Allen. "With patients going home with so many new prescriptions, systems for addressing medication initiation and managing polypharmacy are central to heart failure transitional care," he said.

#### Reducing readmissions

Amy Drew, PharmD, a clinical pharmacist who works in an ambulatory care St. Louis, is providing pharmacist-led

#### ( HIGHLIGHTS

- · Patients who are admitted to the hospital with heart failure are often prescribed multiple medications at
- · Preliminary research suggests that pharmacist interventions can reduce readmissions.

discharge counseling to improve hospital readmission rates for patients with heart failure and other conditions. "Working in an outpatient clinic, I was in a good position to identify patients who were transitioning from inpatient to outpatient," Drew told Today. "In 2013, we started calling recently discharged patients to check in and see how they're doing, especially if they had medication changes or were on multiple medications."

Drew and her colleague Jamie Pitlick, PharmD, a pharmacist colleague at another ambulatory clinic associated with Mercy Hospital, contacted patients by phone within 2 days of discharge to provide medication reconciliation and answer patients' medication questions. The pharmacists at the two ambulatory clinics engaged student pharmacists and pharmacy residents to assist with the calls.

To see if the pharmacists could improve readmission rates. Drew and her colleagues compared outcomes before and after the implementation of the counseling program. Although it is too soon to draw conclusions. Drew noted that preliminary research findings show that patients in the pharmacist intervention group were 40% less likely to be readmitted, compared with the group that did not receive a call from a pharmacist.

"We are excited to see that we can have an impact not only directly on patients, but maybe we can have an impact on what happens at the hospital level," said Drew. "We still have much research to do to make our finding more robust, but we're very encouraged."

Amy K. Erickson, MA, Senior Editor

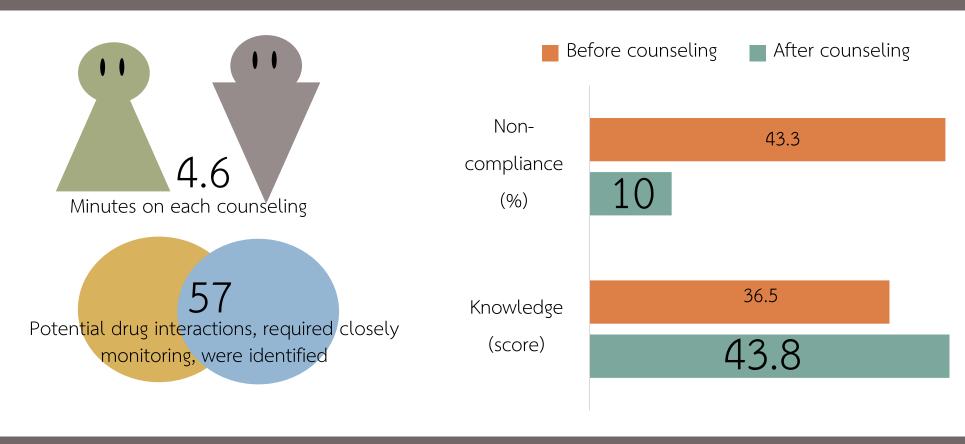
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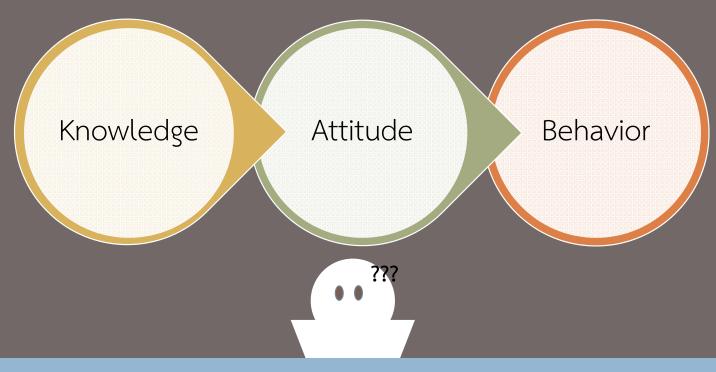


Effects of a Program on Correction and Persistence of Antiretroviral Treatment to Improve Adherence and Drug Safety in HIV/AIDs Patients at Uthumpornphisai Hospital, Sisaket Province, Thailand.

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## PHARMACIST COUNSELING ON AMBULATORY HYPERTENSIVE PATIENTS AT CHAIYA HOSPITAL





Personal problems and difficulties related to medication

Knowledge issues	%
Lack of patient's knowledge	52.9
Patient does not know how to use medication appropriately	55.6
Patient does not know about food-drug interactions	29.6
Difficulty in understanding how to use medication appropriately	22.2
Patient can not afford medication	18.5
Patient does not know the treatment duration	14.8
Patient does not know hot to store the medication	11.1
Patient does not know about adverse effects	7.4
Patient does not know about drug-drug interactions	7.4
Patient does not know the time for medicine to take effect	3.7
Patient does not know the purpose of the treatment	3.7

HEARING



LISTENING

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RESPONSE

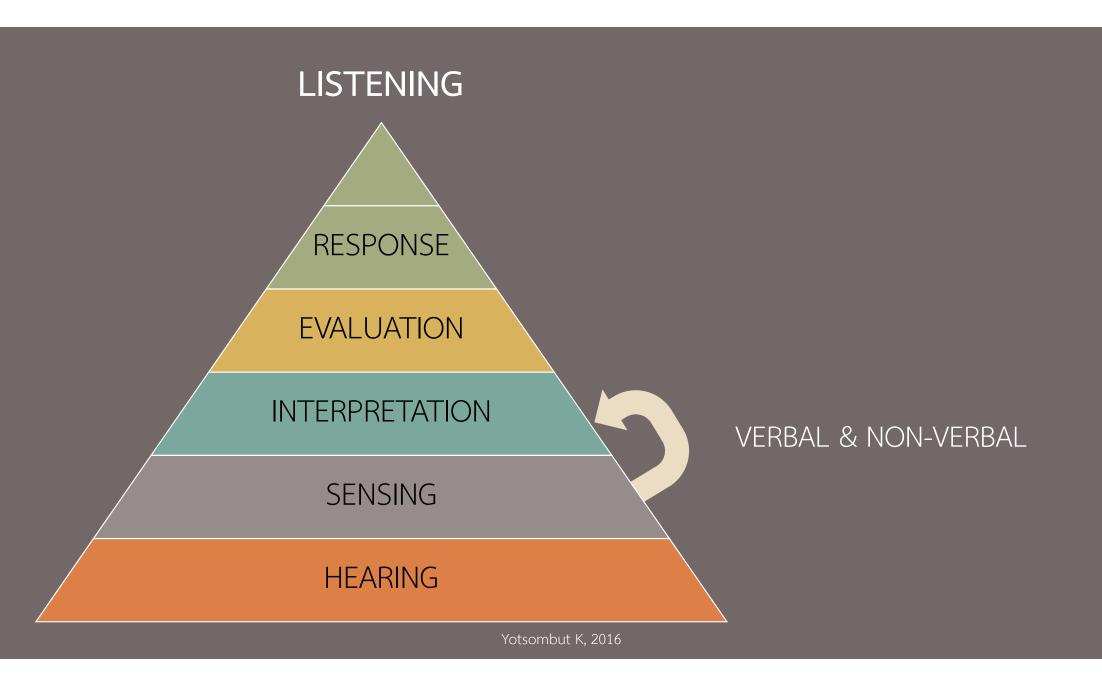
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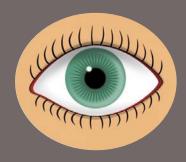
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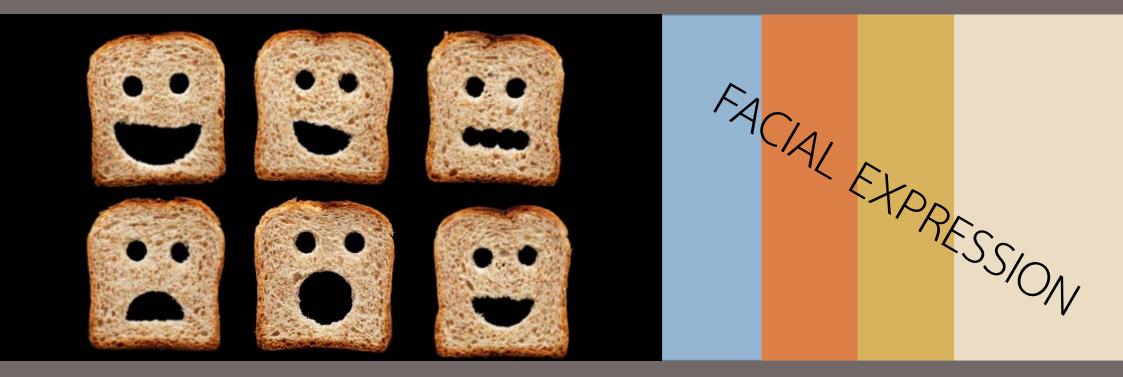
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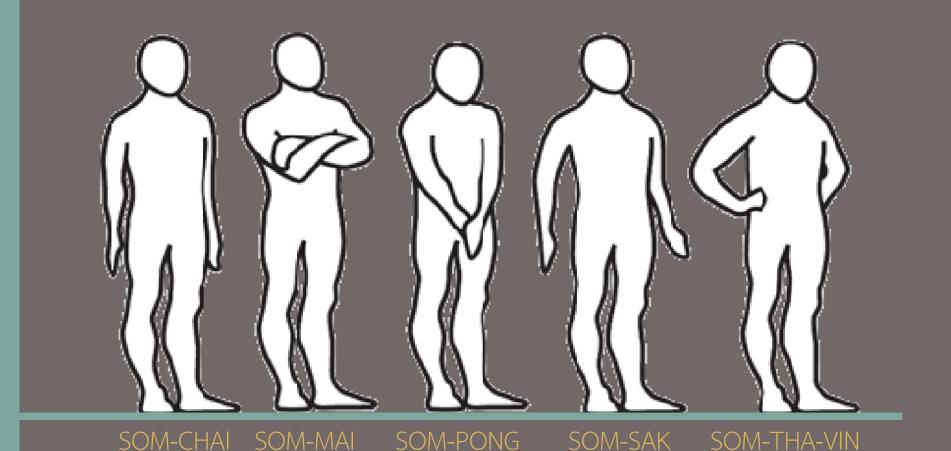
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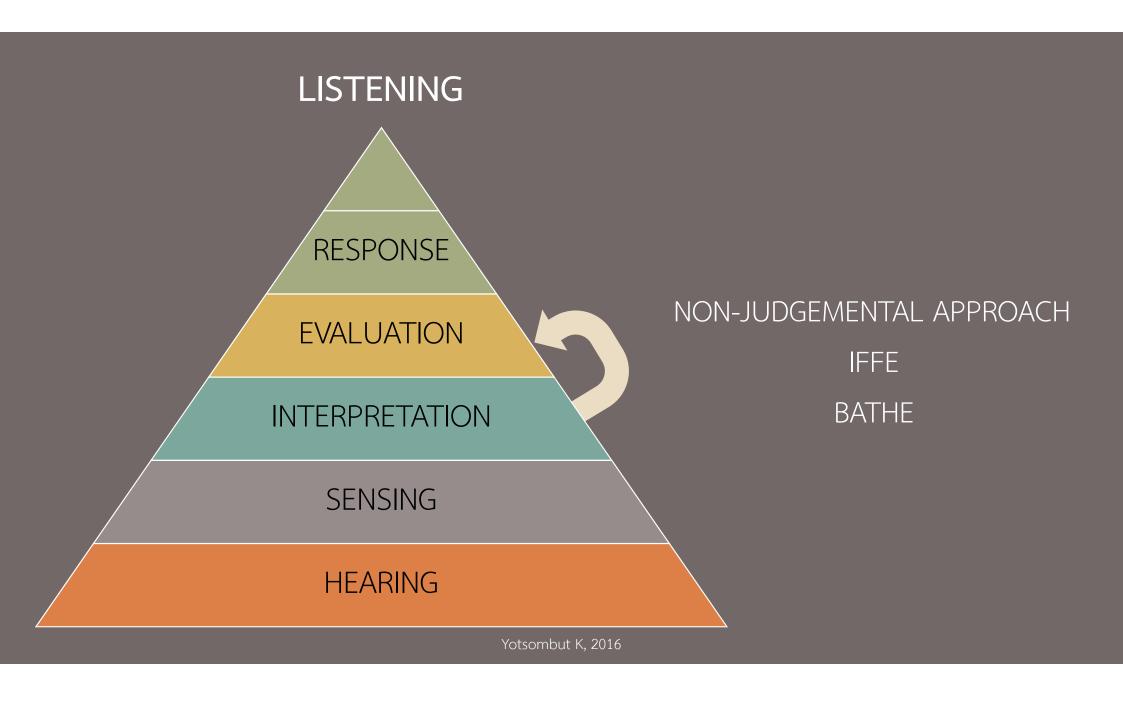




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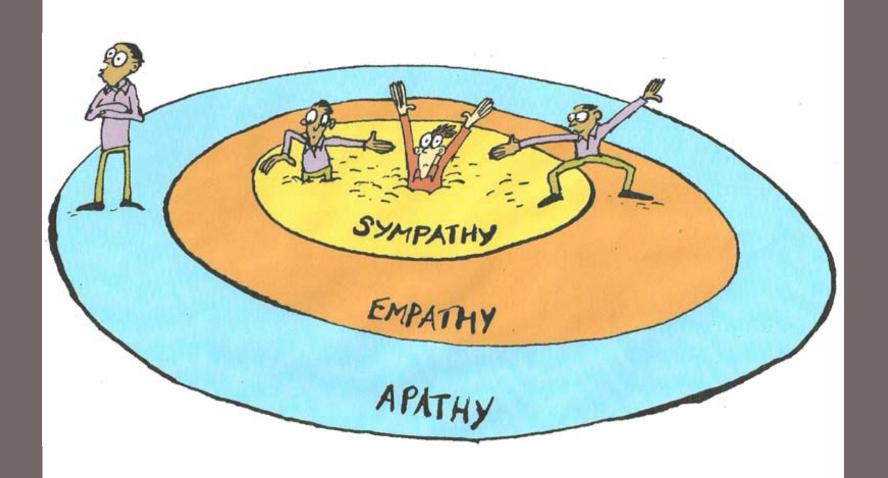


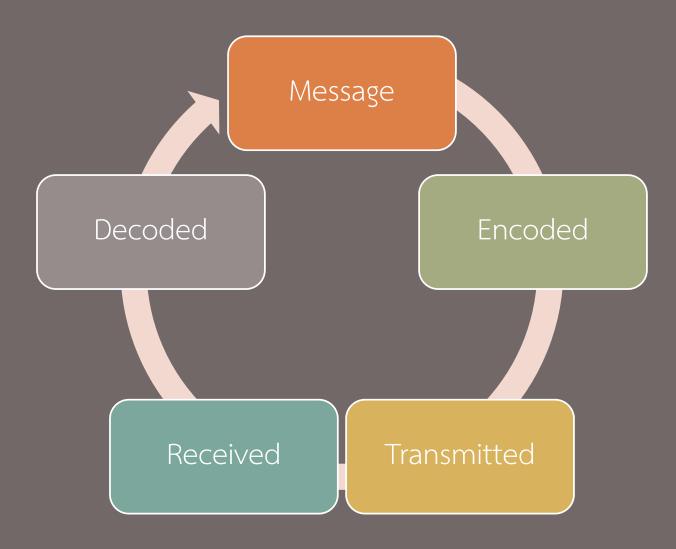






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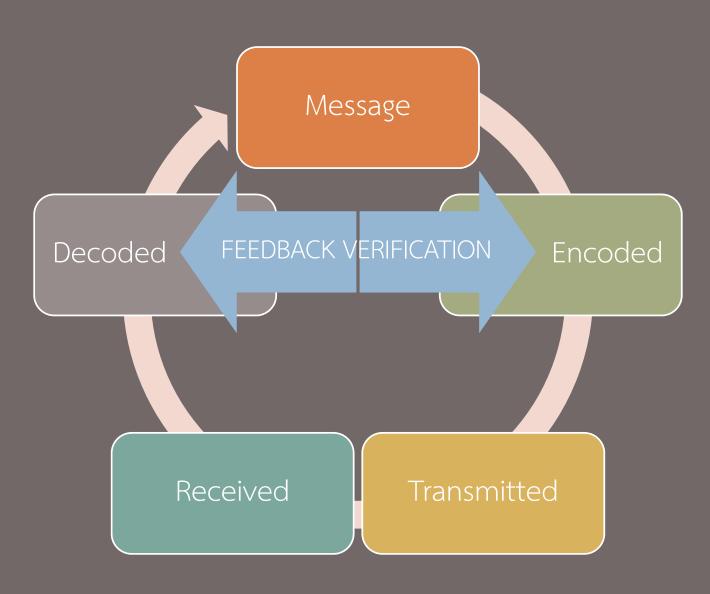
Take Amoxicillin by mouth, 2 tabs twice a day with meal continuously for 10 days.

Keep taking it even if you feel better in a few days.

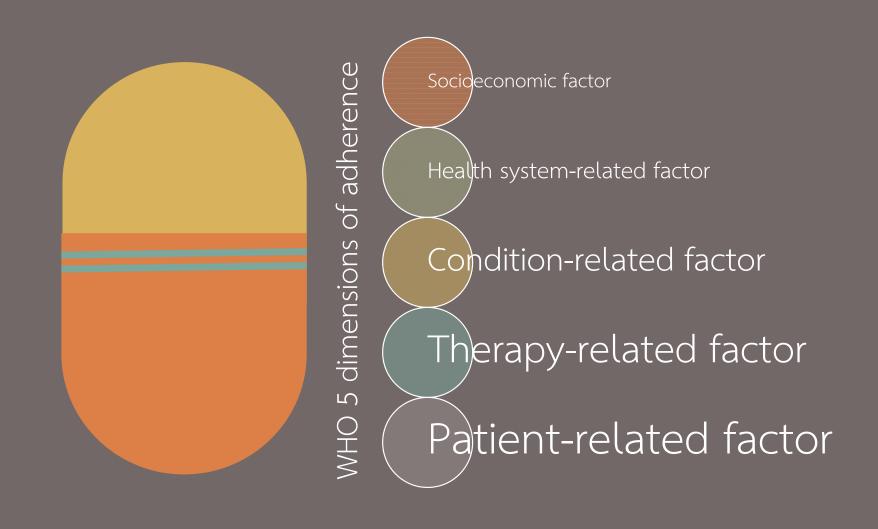
- If you miss a dose of amoxicillin, take it ASAP. If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular dosing schedule.
- Amoxicillin only works against bacteria; it does not treat viral infections (eg, the common cold).

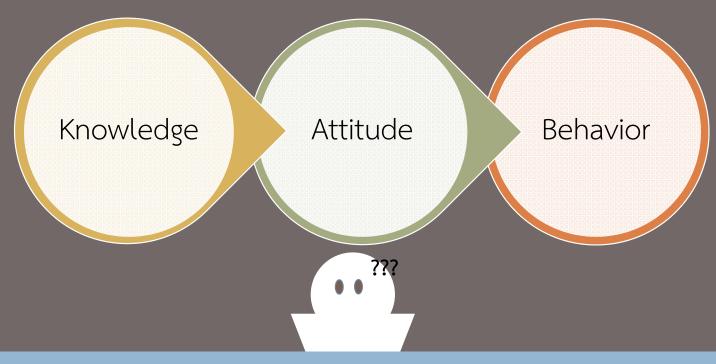
mouth or on the tongue; yellowing of the skin or eyes.

- Hormonal birth control (eg, birth control pills) may not work as well while you are using amoxicillin. To prevent preshancy, use an extra form of birth control (eg, condoms), ice a day with meal lake Amoxicillin by mouth, 2 tabs twice a day with meal
- Seek medical attention right away if any of these Stylest side effects occur. Severe allergic reactions (rash; hives; itching; difficulty breathing; tightness in the chest; swelling of the mouth, face, lips, or tongue); behavior draep blocking it centein; flark or ineffect, thills there in the blistered, or peeling skin; seizures; severe or persistent diarrhea; severe stomach pain or cramps, unusual bruising or bleeding; unusual tiredness or weakness; vaginal discharge or irritation; white patches in the









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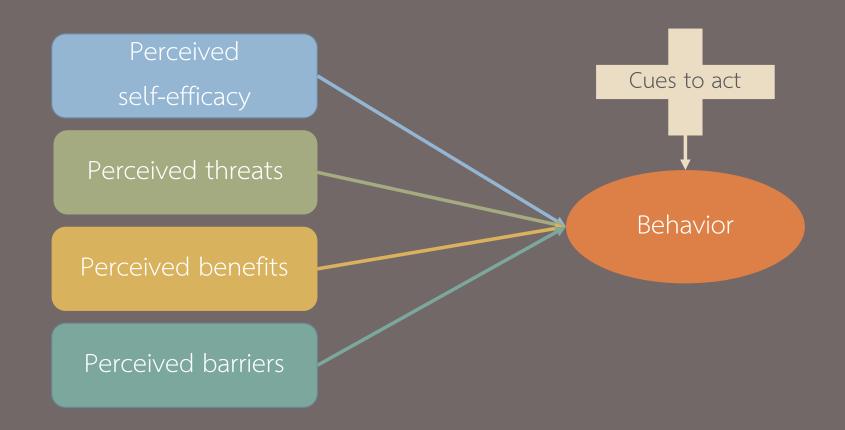




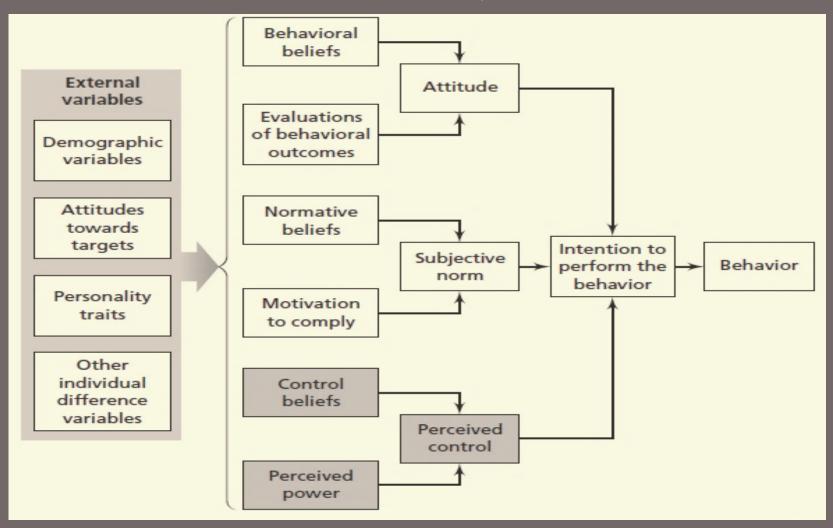




## Health belief model



## Theory of reasoned action/planned behavior



## Trans-theoretical model



Recognize

- Establish caring relationship
- Determine adherence problem



Identify

- Assess the causes of problem
- Identify key factors to solve the problem

Manage Manage

- Provide individualized solutions
- Monitor effectiveness of intervention





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## Add the Adherence Estimator Widget to Your Internal Web Site

#### Add Now-It's Easy

The Adherence Estimator is a patient-centered resource that can help you identify patients who may be at risk of medication nonadherence.

Conversation Starters is based on the Adherence Estimator, and it provides a consumer-friendly, interactive video experience of the Adherence Estimator for patients.

The Adherence Estimator/Conversation Starters asks 3 quick questions about key areas known to impact medication adherence. While responding to these statements, Conversation Starters will immediately provide your patient with personalized feedback about why medication adherence is important, and about how to discuss their responses with you. You will receive insights about the patient's responses that may be useful to you when speaking with the patient about their medicine.

Conversation Starters is available in English and Spanish.

#### **View the Conversation Starters Video**

The Adherence Estimator gauges your patient's likelihood of adhering to a newly prescribed oral medication for certain chronic, asymptomatic conditions after they respond to the 3 quick statements.

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#### Use the Adherence Estimator

3 quick statements to help you understand your patient's feelings about a newly prescribed oral medication for certain chronic, asymptomatic conditions.

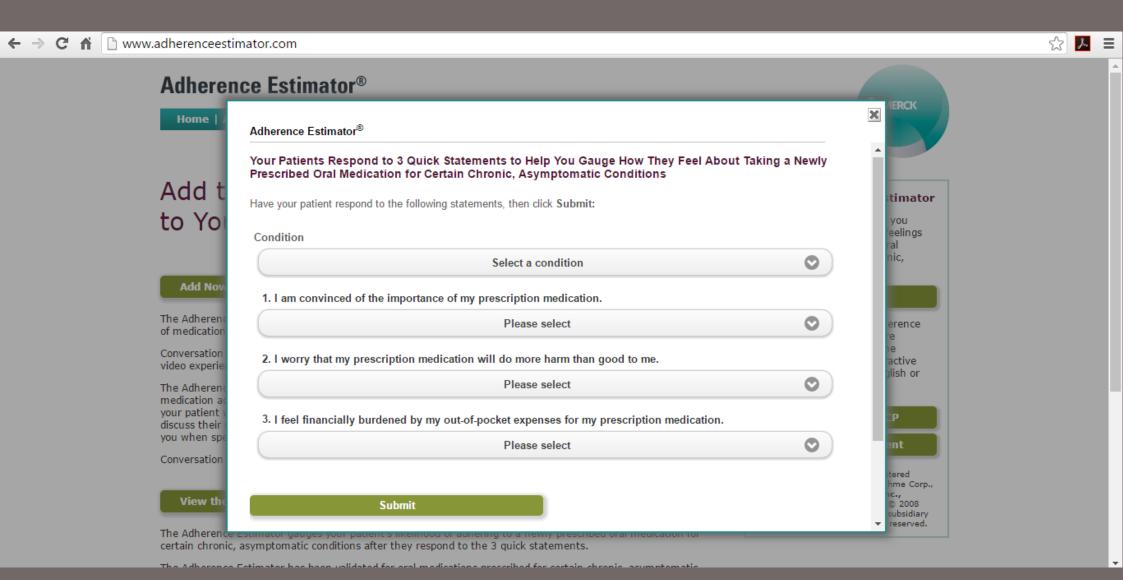
#### **Start Now**

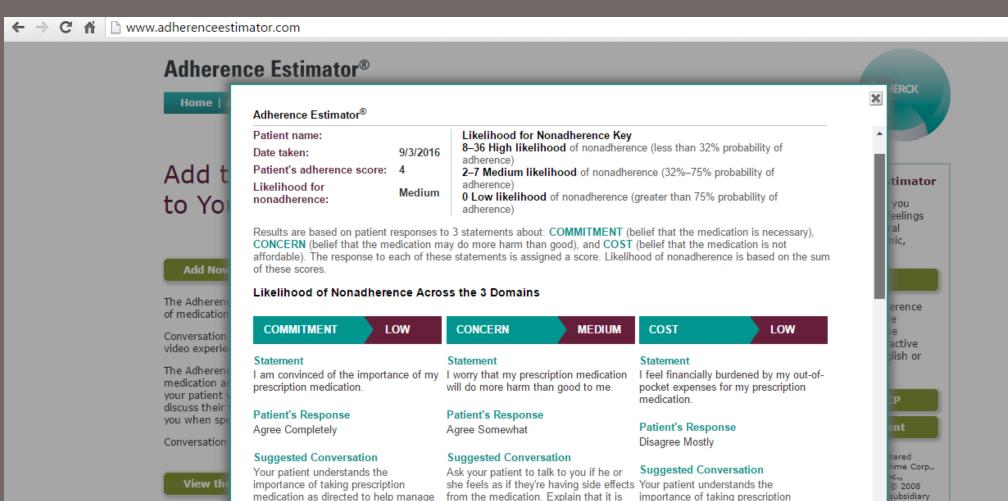
You can also share the Adherence Estimator with a health care provider (HCP). Or, share the Conversation Starters interactive video with a patient, in English or Spanish.

#### **Share With an HCP**

#### **Share With a Patient**

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