biological agent, dose and adherence were examined. To calculate the adherence we used a record of prescriptions dispensed over a period of six months. We used the formula: % adherence = no. of units dispensed/no. of units theoretically needed × 100.

**Results** The sample included 62 patients, 45 males and 17 females with mean age of 50 years (range 12–81). 53.2% were using etanercept, 43.6% adalimumab and 3.2% infliximab. The adherence was high in the infliximab group (94%) and very similar in the other groups (etanercept 83.7%, adalimumab 87.4%). In the adalimumab cohort 11% had a reduced dose, in the etanercept group 9% had a reduced and 30% an increased dose. In all these groups the calculated adherence was quite similar.

**Conclusions** As described in the literature, adherence to biologicals was significantly higher compared with the adherence observed with other treatments for psoriasis. Infliximab had the highest rate, maybe because it is administered in hospital. There was no difference between adalimumab and etanercept. It is known that there is progressive loss of patient adherence to treatment, for this reason it is important to focus the attention on this concept.

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**OHP-036** EVALUATING SINGLE-INCLUSION SLINGS IN FEMALE STRESS URINARY INCONTINENCE: THE USEFULNESS OF THE CONSORT STATEMENT CRITERIA

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**Background** Unlike drugs, medical devices (MDs) are not submitted for health authority marketing authorization based on in-depth clinical evaluation: critical review on an evidence-based medicine approach is essential for practitioners. The Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials (CONSORT) statement is an international consensus expert guideline aimed at improving the reporting quality of clinical trials reports.

**Purpose** To evaluate the usefulness and applicability of the CONSORT for journal articles reporting randomised controlled trials (RCTs) evaluating an implantable MD.

**Materials and Methods** Original articles published before 2012 reporting RCTs assessing single-incision slings (SISs) in the treatment of female stress urinary incontinence were searched for in PubMed and Embase databases. Reporting quality was assessed by two hospital pharmacists and two urological surgeons according to three CONSORT checklists: abstract (17 items), standard (37 items) and extension for non-pharmacological trials (20 items); the results were discussed to reach a consensus.

**Results** Among 135 articles retrieved, eight articles met the inclusion criteria and were assessed. Abstract scores ranged from 4.7 to 14.1 out of 20. Standard scores were greater than 10.0 out of 20 for most articles; the extension scores did not exceed 5.0 out of 10. Half the reported trials were not identified as randomised in the title. Three articles did not mention any confidence interval or standard deviation for outcomes. The interventions were incompletely described; only four articles reported the configuration of the devices. Four articles reported whether blinding was achieved but lack of blinding was never discussed as a potential source of bias. Few articles reported the operators and centres’ characteristics and their impact on statistical analysis.

**Conclusions** The reporting quality of SISs RCTs should be improved because readers require complete, clear and transparent information to assess the relevance and applicability of results. Our study supports further use of the CONSORT criteria to enhance and assess the reporting quality of surgical trials.

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**OHP-037** EVALUATION OF ANTIMICROBIAL APPROPRIATENESS AND USE IN IMOLA HOSPITAL

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**Background** Misuse of antibiotics in hospitals may cause bacterial resistance as well as increased costs and unnecessary exposure of patients to drugs.

**Purpose** To evaluate antimicrobial consumption and appropriateness through a new antimicrobial stewardship policy.

**Materials and Methods** The study was carried out in Imola Hospital (Bologna) and 2009–2011 drug consumption data were obtained from the pharmacy service. Data were analysed by clinical area and single wards and were expressed by ATC classification and defined daily doses per 100 bed-days (DDD). A form for personalised antibacterial treatment (ATf), including diagnosis and documented reasons for the choice of antibiotic, was introduced for levofloxacin, teicoplanin, meropenem, linezolid, tigecycline and daptoxycin.

**Results** In 2011, overall antibacterial consumption was 78 DDD (+4% vs. 2010); the major increase was observed in medical units (MED: +9%) and paediatric/gynaecological units (+6%). Intensive care units/emergency department (ICUs/EDs) and surgical units (SUR) exhibited a decrease in consumption (−13%, −7%, respectively). The use of critical antimicrobial agents decreased: fluoroquinolones (19 DDD, −15%), carbapenems (3.5 DDD, −18%) and glycopeptides (3.1 DDD, −17%). The introduction of ATfs (May 2011) contributed to a decrease in the consumption of antibiotics (e.g. MED: 75 DDD serum I vs. 71 DDD serum II 2011; overall 2011: 73 DDD). The analysis of ATfs shows that critical antibacterial agents were mainly prescribed to treat respiratory tract infections (MED: 58%, ICU/ED: 44%, SUR 30%), urinary tract (MED e ICU/ED: 20%), skin and soft tissues (SUR: 35%, ICU/ED: 16%, MED: 6%) and intra-abdominal infections (SUR: 9%). Levofloxacin (55%) and meropenem (11%) were the most prescribed for respiratory tract infections, teicoplanin (6%) for skin and soft tissue infections.

**Conclusions** Our stewardship policy led to a reduction in the use of wide-spectrum antibiotics, so ATf may represent a valid method of rationalising the choice of antimicrobial treatment.

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**OHP-038** EVALUATION OF CHANGE OF ETANERCEPT SUBCUTANEOUS ADMINISTRATION DEVICE

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**Background** Etanercept is a soluble tumour necrosis factor receptor fusion protein used in a variety of arthropathies. A new administration device (pen) has recently been marketed.

**Purpose** To evaluate pain differences and preference between the etanercept syringe and pen as well as the relation between pain and demographic and anthropometric factors.

**Materials and Methods** All patients with the etanercept pen from 1 January 2012 to 31 March 2012 who had previously used the syringe were chosen. Gender, age, Body Mass Index (BMI), diagnosis, self-administration, pain perception (0 = no pain; 10 = maximum pain) and device preference were recorded. Statistical analysis: Student’s t-test and variance analysis were used for comparisons of means, chi-square and Fisher’s test for proportions, and non-parametric tests for pain.

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Results 109 patients (43% men; 57% women) met inclusion criteria. Mean age was 54 ± 13.5 years and mean BMI 26.5 ± 4.8 kg/m². 58.7% had Rheumatoid Arthritis, 19.3% Ankylosing Spondylitis, 1.8% Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis, 16.5% Psoriatic Arthritis and 3.7% Psoriasis. 82% self-administrated the pen, and 71% the syringe. The median pain with the syringe was 3 [interquartile range (IQR): 2–6] and with the pen was 4 [IQR: 2–5] (P = 0.008). 65% reported the same pain with both devices. 35% reported differences in pain and most of them (71%) had much pain (>5) with the pen and little pain (<5) with the syringe.

There was a statistically significant association of pain with gender: women had more pain with the pen (P = 0.05), but less with the syringe (p > 0.05). There was no association with BMI, age or diagnosis. 59% preferred the pen, 25% the syringe, and 16% did not mind.

Conclusions An association of pain with pen device and female gender was found. However there was no association with BMI, age or diagnosis. Acceptance of the pen and self-administration were higher even though pain was greater, so it is necessary to maintain both devices to assure adherence.

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**Conclusion** The mean value obtained in the questionnaire was 0.71 ± 0.19.

**Purpose** To develop a pharmacist interface, as a part of the computerised medical file ‘Chameleon’, to display all the information required by pharmacists for preparing and documenting their intervention.

**Materials and Methods**

Step 1: mapping the processes required for implementation of the system.

Step 2: preparing a dedicated tool with two components:

1. A pharmacist interface: a screen designed to show all related data required for a clinical pharmacist to form his opinion regarding the medicinal treatment. The pharmacist intervention is documented in an assigned field ‘pharmacist follow up’, which is also displayed beside the ‘physician follow up’ field in the physician interface to save switching screens.

2. The pharmacy services as an advisory ward: the pharmacists’ team is defined as an advisory ward that can be invited by the physicians. Requests for advice are displayed in a pharmacist work list.

**Results** The pharmacist interface was integrated into the ‘Chameleon’ and is used regularly. It is a convenient tool that displays all the information required for a professional pharmacist’s opinion, and improves medical team communication by allowing this opinion to be viewed by other staff members. There is an ongoing process of assimilation and dissemination of the computerised availability of pharmacy advisory services. There are two topics in development: (a) physician feedback and reference regarding the pharmacist advice, and (b) the ability to monitor all revised cases.

**Conclusions** The computerised tool satisfies the pharmacist workflow process and improves communication with the medical staff. The final tool will generate statistics about its contribution to medical personnel and improve the quality of pharmacy services in this medical care hospital.

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**OHP-039 EXPANDING THE INVOLVEMENT OF PHARMACY SERVICES VIA COMPUTERISED MEDICAL FILES**

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**Background** Pharmacists are essential for the safe use of medicines, and have a very important role in providing comprehensive drug management. Their crucial responsibilities in medicines management and promoting quality control necessitate developing a computerised tool to improve their communication with other medical team members.

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