Results 130 medicines were reviewed in 79 patients from January to August 2020. Mean age was 61.6±6.5 years. 48 patients (60.8%) were polypharmacy; the average number of medications per patient was 4.25. At the pharmacokinetic level, the main interaction was CYP3A4 substrate concentrations were increased, and at the pharmacodynamic level, the risk of QT syndrome and serotoninergic syndrome were increased.

61 PDI were founded in 40 patients (51.9%); 10 were severe and 21 were moderate. The most common types of drugs involved were steroids, proton pump inhibitors and antidepressants. Eight (80%) severe PDI were accepted and moderate recommendations led to reduction in dosage or concomitant use.

Conclusion and relevance This study showed that more than half of patients with NEPA has at least one PDI. Clinical pharmacists are essential in detecting PDI, which is a positive influence on physician prescriptions and patient treatment outcomes, improving the safety and effectiveness of oncological treatment.

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4CPS-218 ANTIDIABETIC TREATMENT IN FRAIL PATIENTS WITH TYPE II DIABETES ADMITTED TO THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT FOR ALTERED GLYCAEMIA

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Background and importance Decompensated glycaemia is one of the main causes of emergency department (ED) visits among diabetic patients. However, information about antidiabetic treatment and risk factors associated with elderly diabetic patients revisiting the ED is scarce.

Aim and objectives To describe the oral antidiabetic treatment and glycated haemoglobin (%HbA1c) value in frail patients with type II diabetes admitted to an ED due to hyperglycaemia or hypoglycaemia and to evaluate the risk factors associated with 30 day revisits.

Material and methods This was a retrospective observational study (2017–2019). Frail patients with type II diabetes treated with oral antidiabetics admitted to an ED due to hyperglycaemia or hypoglycaemia were included. To evaluate the risk factors associated with 30 day revisits, a multivariate analysis was performed in which comorbidities and treatments risk factors with a p value <0.2 were included.

Results 48 patients were included (mean age 83 (±7.7) years); 23 (48%) were admitted for hyperglycaemia and 25 (52.1%) for hypoglycaemia. Six (12.5%) patients were being treated with insulin only, 27 (56.3%) with oral antidiabetics only and 15 (31.2%) with oral antidiabetics and insulin. The most frequent oral antidiabetic prescribed was metformin, used as monotherapy in 11 (38%) patients, combined with a sulphonylurea in 6 (20.6%) patients, with glinpizides in 6 (20.6%) patients and with repaglinide in 3 (10.3%) patients.

38 (79.1%) patients presented a %HbA1c value during the year before the ED visit; in 11 patients (29.8%) between 7.5% and 8.5%, in 18 patients (47.3%) <7.5% and in 9 patients (23.7%) >8.5%. At discharge from the ED, treatment was modified in 14 patients (30.4%); none of them revisited the ED after 30 days. Of the 32 patients (69.6%) in whom the medication was not modified, 10 (21.7%) revisited the ED after 30 days due to alterations in glycaemia, 4 (40%) for hypoglycaemia and 6 (60%) for hyperglycaemia.

In the univariate analysis, chronic heart failure and treatment modification at discharge were associated with a greater risk of 30 day revisit. In the multivariate analysis, a significant association between chronic heart failure and the risk of revisits was found (OR 4.12 (1.02–14.21)).

Conclusion and relevance Frail patients who consulted the ED for drug related problems due to antidiabetic drugs presented a high risk of revisits, with a lower risk in those patients in whom treatment was modified at ED discharge.

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Background and importance The pharmacy service (PS) is a cornerstone of the nutritional support of patients, especially those with special needs. For this reason, it is necessary to create individualized nutrition following recommendations from scientific organisations, such as the European Society for Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism (ESPEN).

Aim and objectives To analyse prescriptions of parental nutrition (PN) during the pandemic and compare them with those from the same time period in 2019.

Material and methods This was a retrospective descriptive observational analysis of data from a secondary care hospital during March and April, both in 2019 and 2020. Demographic (age and sex) and clinical (length of PN and diagnosis) data were collected from medical records.

Results There were 157 patients with PN during the period of study in 2020, 106 (67.5%) men with a median age of 67 years (IQR 14.5 years). In 2019, 64 patients received PN, 38 (59.4%) were men with a median age of 70 years (IQR 17). In 2020, 48.8% of patients with PN were under the critical care service (CCS), 30.6% internal medicine service (IMS) and 18.5% surgical service (SS); 108 (68.8%) were diagnosed with COVID-19. In 2019, 15.6% of patients were under CCS, 25% IMS and 56.4% SS. In 2020, 85 patients (54.1%) terminated PN due to health improvement and 60 (38.2%) died; in 2019, 54 (84.4%) improved and 9 (14.1%) died. In 2020, the median age of deceased patients was 67 years (IQR 12.5 years) and in 2019 it was 77 years (IQR 9.5 years). The total number of PN prescribed during the periods of the study was 2121 in 2020 and 876 in 2019.

Conclusion and relevance In the context of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, nearly half of all PN were prepared for CCS
Background and importance Oral anticoagulants are internationally recognised as high risk medications that can cause significant patient harm when used in error. High patient adherence to oral anticoagulant treatment is essential to avoid thrombosis or stroke. The pharmacy department has prioritised the provision of medicines education to all inpatients newly started on an oral anticoagulant. Both verbal education and a warfarin or direct acting oral anticoagulant (DOAC) booklet are provided to all patients. A DOAC booklet was developed and introduced in 2017.

Aim and objectives To assess patient satisfaction with oral anticoagulant education provided by pharmacists and to obtain feedback on the new DOAC booklet.

Material and methods The study took place over a 6 week period (February to April 2018). All patients provided with pharmacist education on an oral anticoagulant were requested to complete a patient satisfaction survey after the education session. Patients had the option to decline participation in the study. The survey assessed if the patient found the information useful, the quantity of information discussed and the medium of communication considered most beneficial.

Results 30 patients were involved in this study. 40% (n=11) of patients were prescribed warfarin, with the remaining 56% (n=17) prescribed a DOAC (apixaban n=12, rivaroxaban n=4, dabigatran n=1). All patients reported that the verbal and written information was useful and that they were happy with the amount of information discussed. 97% of patients (n=29) reported that they understood the information discussed. When asked which format of communication was most beneficial, the majority (n=16) of respondents answered both verbal and written communication. All patients (n=16) who had read the DOAC booklet reported that it was helpful.

Conclusion and relevance The results of this study demonstrated patient satisfaction with pharmacist education on newly commenced oral anticoagulants. Most education sessions were for DOACs, reflecting the change in prescribing practices and the trend away from warfarin. The preferred medium of education varied between patients. The results suggested that pharmacists should continue to use both verbal and written education to account for patient preference and understanding. Patients reported that they found the new DOAC booklet helpful.