



SURVEY ON THE USE OF HAFM NOTE TEMPLATE FOR SPECIAL DRUGS

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Introduction

Special drugs such as SGLT2 inhibitors /NOAC have various special precautions which are difficult to be remembered. Some of the special precautions could be potentially dangerous to patients if missed. As such, standard note templates are setup by Sham Shui Po (SSP) micro-cluster doctors. This survey was done to assess the usefulness of the standard note templates to see if it increased the confidence of prescribing these drugs among colleagues; which in turn may improve patient care.

Method

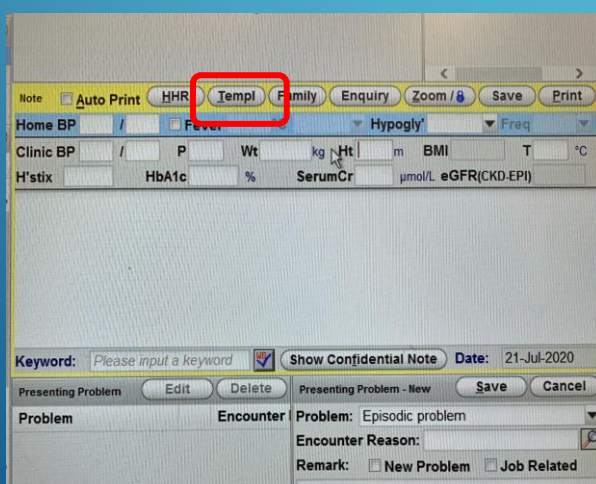
A questionnaire composed of nine questions was pilot tested in authors' local clinic and then distributed to SSP doctors via online platform.

Result

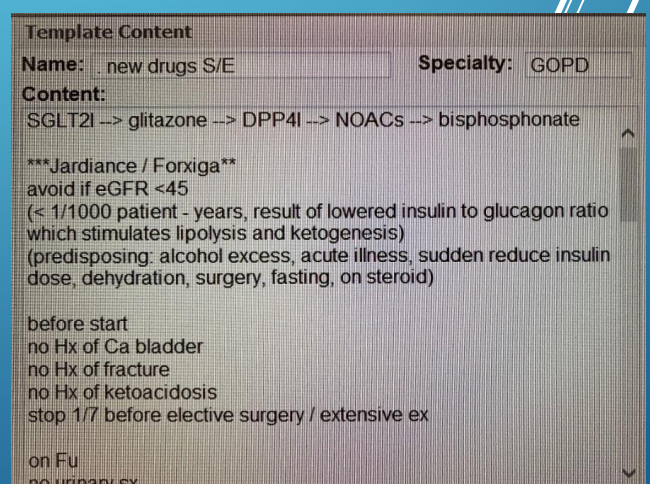
There were a total of 18 respondents with response rate of 64.3% (18/28). 83.3% (15/18) had prescribed SGLT2 inhibitors or NOAC to patients before. For those who had prescribed, 73.3% (11/15) had referred to the standard note template. There was an increase in confidence in prescribing the special drugs from 16.7% (3/18) to 83.3% (15/18) if standard note template is available. Most of them agreed that standard note template could facilitate their prescription of special drugs by "Time saving" (72.2%; 13/18); "Reduce risk of missing important precautions" (83.3%; 15/18) and "Better documentation" (88.9%; 16/18). Overall, 77.8% (14/18) thought that standard note template would increase their prescription of special drugs if clinically indicated.

Conclusion

Standard note template is a useful tool to facilitate the prescription of special drugs as it is time saving, reduce risk of missing important precautions and enhance better documentation.



Standard HAFM note template in CMS



Example of standard template for special drugs