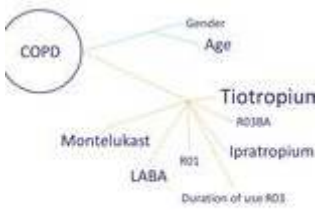


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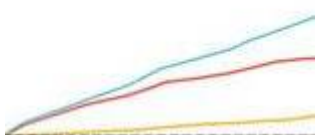
A validated algorithm for asthma and COPD based on dispensing data

One of the major issues with dispensing data from the out-patient pharmacy is that the indication of use is usually not registered. When a drug is prescribed for just one indication, this is not an issue. However, for many drugs this is not the case. Looking at drugs for obstructive airway diseases for example, we see that most drugs are used for both asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). We developed an algorithm to determine the indication of use based on dispensings.

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We are very proud to announce that since this month PHARMO is ISO 9001:2015 certified and STIZON is ISO 27001 certified. Over the last years we have put a lot of effort in formalising our processes to make sure all our deliverables meet our quality standards. Our quality standards are in line with general scientific standards, such as the 'ENCePP Guide on Methodological Standards in Pharmacoepidemiology' and the 'ENCePP Code of Conduct'.

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Prevalence of diabetes mellitus more than doubled in the period 1999-2014 in the Netherlands

The prevalence of diabetes in the Netherlands increased from 1.8% in 1999 to 4.9% in 2014. This trend could only be partly explained by changes in age demographics per sex. In order to temper the increasing prevalence of diabetes, it is crucial to gain more insight in other factors responsible for the increase.

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