

S07-6 **Enlighten primary care to local inhabitants**

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Community pharmacy is strongly expected to provide additional services to patients such as compliance improvement, self care and OTC consultations and advising on daily activities to supplement medical treatment. Currently in Japan, it has been estimated that 1.5 to 2 million people have chronic hepatitis C. We have attempted to increase the population's knowledge of this important issue with educational brochures about hepatitis C and placing posters encouraging them to ask medical professionals about their health problems. Peg-interferon and Ribavirin combination therapy has an efficacy rate of approximately 60%. The side effects include various clinical symptoms and the percentage of these depends upon the treatment duration; therefore, pharmacists should monitor patients carefully during the entire treatment period with particular attention to OTC drug use, daily activity, etc. Additionally, for outpatients community pharmacy has responsibility to avoid drug-related adverse events in the patients' daily life, so monitoring for clinical signs of side effects is necessary. We created the “Clinical Pathway” for healthcare network via the “Medication Note” for patients who received Peg-interferon and Ribavirin combination therapy. A new version of this service has been started for patients with an emphasis placed on the provision of pharmaceutical care in the community pharmacy. In this symposium, I would like to describe how we cooperate with other community pharmacies by using the “Medication Note”, which is mentioned above, and hopefully our discussion can help to improve patient care in the community pharmacies.