

Pharmacology NUR 1141C
Lab Assignment #5
Internet Research Assignment

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Assignment description: Patient Teaching Assignment using the world wide web (Internet)

Objective: Identify reliable sources of information that can be used for patient teaching

Medication: Insulin Glargine (Lantus)

Instructions:

- Using the Internet, identify a reliable source of drug information
- Once you have selected a source, search for information regarding the medication
- Summarize in one paragraph or so whether the information you have found is suitable for client teaching:
 - Is the information reliable and how do you know? (5 pts)
 - See Suggestions
 - Is the information written at a level that a client could understand? (1 pt)
 - Would you give the information directly to the client? (1 pt)
 - If not, does the information provide you with increased knowledge that you could use in your teaching? (1 pt)
 - Is it useful information to the professional nurse? (1 pt)
- Attach a copy of the web information to your summary. Your submission is limited to no more than 2-3 pages (if there is more information than this, simply print the first few pages) (1 pt)

Suggestions:

- Review Judi Delisle's website on how to evaluate a website:
http://faculty.valencia.cc.fl.us/jdelisle/lis2004/6_mod3.htm
- Start at the class website if you do not know where to begin your search.

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I went to WebMd.com to find information on Insulin Glargine (Lantus). I felt that this web site was credible due to several facts. There was contact information via email regarding questions about the web site or any information contained in the web site. This web site also has a copyright date. The information on this web site is up to date as of June 2003. This site is based on verifiable facts. I verified the information I found on this web site with Davis's Drug Guide For Nurses 8th Edition. This web site also uses correct grammar and spelling. The information covered on this topic at WebMd.com pertains to most important information a patient on insulin glargine should know about the medication, what insulin glargine is and its purpose, what a patient should discuss concerning this drug with their medical professional, how to use this medication, what happens if a patient misses a dose, what happens if a patient should overdose, what to avoid while using this medication, possible side effects, other medications that affect insulin glargine, where to go for more information on this medication, and its brand name. With this amount of information, I would say that from the patient's standpoint the topic of insulin glargine was sufficiently covered on this web site. WebMd.com is also an easy to read site, one can access the home page while on any page, as well as loads quickly. The information on this web site is written in terms many can understand. Any of the medical terms on this subject are broken down so that a patient without medical background can understand the topic.

I would not give this information directly to the patient because I would feel that the client might think that this web site is associated with the hospital. The only information that I would give directly to the client on this topic is a printout from "Swift" under care notes from Orlando Regional Healthcare Systems if I was caring for a patient within that hospital system.

Although I would not give this information from this web site directly to the patient, I could use this information in regards to patient teaching. All of the information under "The most important information I should know about insulin glargine", would be part of patient teaching, as well as "How to use insulin glargine", "What to avoid while using insulin glargine", and "The possible side effects of insulin glargine".

The information provided on this topic at WebMd.com is useful to the professional nurse. This site gives you information in which you can integrate into your patient teaching. The site gives the professional nurse specifics about how to store this medication, which is pertinent to the life expectancy of this medication. This site also highlights important information the patient should know while using this medication; the professional nurse can integrate into patient teaching.

Overall, I would state that this web site is a valid web site to use for research. This web site has all the credentials a valid web site should have as well as up to date information. The web site used is at: www.webmd.com.