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Adherence medical prescription: What's new?

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Context: Typical adherence rates for prescribed medications are about 50% with a range of 0% to more than 100%. Non medication adherence is a phenomenon which is quite complex and hard to evaluate, but certainly leads to significant medical and economic consequences.

Data Sources: A search of MEDLINE, CINAHL, PSYCHLIT, SOCIOFILE, IPA, EMBASE, The Cochrane Library databases, and bibliographies.

Data Synthesis: There are two types of non medication adherence:

Intentional (motivation, convictions and perception barrier)

Unintentional (aptitude, possibility and practice barrier)

Improving medication adherence requires a radical change in patient's behavior. That 's why it is necessary to know the different stages of behavior change (the stages of change - Prochaska model).

Conclusions:

Patient education enables better medical adherence provided that it includes:

- Improving patient's knowledge of the disease and the medical prescription
- Patient's representations
- Health beliefs
- Use psycho pedagogical means so as to motivate the patients and assist them to cope with their disease as well as help them change their behavior

Biography

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