

Good day,

I am a clinical pharmacist currently working in hospital pharmacy setting.

My primary concerns lie with patient safety.

I highly agree with my colleague , Pat Myall.

Oral Hypoglycemics prescribing / dose adjustments involve more than “diabetes” on its own.

Other medical conditions such as the already mentioned Congestive Heart Failure, Hypoxemia , kidney function and others could influence the prescribing/dose adjustment or even the continuation or assessment of use of oral hypoglycemics.

Dosing and assessment of use of Oral Hypoglycemics also involve recognition of side-effects and toxicity of oral hypoglycemics. Serious side-effects may go unrecognized or misdiagnosed by pharmaceutically **un**trained personnel/ health professionals jeopardizing the safety of the patient. Some of the side-effects could be life threatening in nature such as megaloblastic anemia which may not be captured as a side-effect to Metformin by a pharmaceutically **un**trained personnel / health professional .

Moreover, as already mentioned below in my colleague’s e-mail, recognition of drug interactions is also important in assessing drug therapy and plays a vital role in providing patient safety.

In conclusion :

Assessing drug therapy (dose adjustments or any alteration of therapy) certainly involves serious and extensive training .

Thank you.

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