

CVS #18014 Diabetes POC Testing and Education: Pharmacy Business Plan

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Abstract

Diabetes is a disease that affects millions of US adults and more people are diagnosed each year. It requires frequent testing and monitoring to assess control as well as efficacy of current therapy. POCT is a revolutionary innovation for diseases such as diabetes. It allows testing to be performed both quickly and conveniently to patients in various healthcare settings. The community pharmacy is an especially convenient place for patients to visit, especially when it is within a local grocery store. Glucose testing, A1c testing, diabetic counseling, diabetic foot exams, blood pressure checks, and immunizations may all be attained by any patient at CVS inside Schnucks in Swansea, IL. These services are integral to diabetic and pre-diabetic patients to assess current control of their disease state, without having to go in to the doctor's office. This service is a valuable opportunity for pharmacists to develop relationships with patients and be involved in their diabetes care. It also provides patients with a more convenient, low cost alternative instead of going into the doctor's office or the lab to get blood draws. POC diabetes testing in community pharmacy will benefit not only the patient but also the pharmacist and the community as a whole.