LOGISTICS TOOLS FOR PHARMACY PERSONNEL

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Abstract

Objective: To describe logistics tools that can improve access to medical supply data in support of deployed units/personnel.
Methods: The roles of pharmacy personnel in deployments continue to expand. These expanded roles often require the pharmacist or pharmacy technician to become more knowledgeable about a host of logistics databases. These databases enable the personnel to ascertain if particular supplies are available to be ordered and if the item(s) is/are currently in the supply system. Frequently these databases utilize identifying codes specific to military. The challenge often entails matching a manufacturer's code (national drug code – NDC) with a military national stock number (NSN).
Results: Several databases utilized or managed by USAMMA staff can aid pharmacists and pharmacy technicians working with deployed units/personnel to ensure that correct medications and supplies reach the soldier, sailor, airman or marine in theater. A few of these key databases include the Medical Services Information Logistics Systems (MEDSILS), Readiness Management Application (RMA) , Federal Logistics Information System Web Inquiry (WebFLIS), Universal Data Repository Medical Catalog (UDR), Redbook for Windows and the Joint Deployment Formulary (JDF).
Conclusion: The ability to access accurate and current medical supply data is crucial in pharmacy's efforts to ensure that the patient in need receives the appropriate drug in a timely manner. The availability of a variety of resources increases pharmacy's ability to Protect the Warrior…Sustain the Force.

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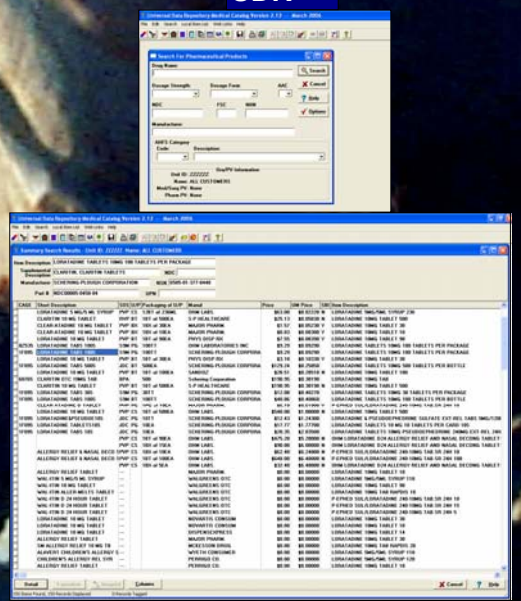

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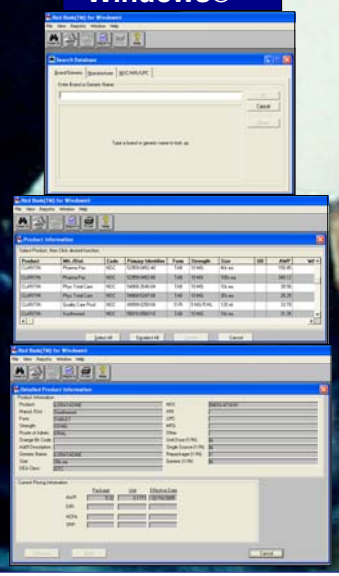

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KEY: 1-Internet database; 2-No password required

KEY: 3-Password required; 4-Database on CD; $-Paid subscription