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***QUALITY GUARANTEE FOR REDISTRIBUTION OF MEDICINES IN
HOSPITALS AND CARE INSTITUTIONS IN THE NETHERLANDS***

IS IT POSSIBLE TO SAFELY REDISTRIBUTE MEDICINES?

ISN'T REDISTRIBUTION AGAINST THE LAW?

WHAT ABOUT TRACEABILITY?

ISN'T IT TOO MUCH OF A HUSTLE?

IS IT COST EFFECTIVE?

**WE THINK THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO SAFELY
REDISTRIBUTE (CHEAP) MEDICINES UNDER CERTAIN
CONDITIONS.**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW HOW?



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OUR DEFINITION OF REDISTRIBUTION OF MEDICINES:

Redistribution of medicines is attributing a medicine to a patient after having attributed the same drug to another patient, but before it has been in the patient's possession.

REDISTRIBUTION OF MEDICINES IS POSSIBLE WHEN WE:

- can assure that the medicine was stored in the correct manner
 - can trace the origin of the medicine
- can set up a guideline for redistribution
- can minimize the administrative burden around redistribution
- can install a compensation for the extra work associated with redistribution
- can get approval of the Dutch Health and Youth Care Inspectorate (IGJ)



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The storage conditions for medicines are mentioned in the SmPC that can be found through the medicines information database (genesmiddelinformatiebank) from the Dutch Medicines Evaluation Board (CBG).

We estimate that 70% of the cheap medicines do not have storage conditions*.

In hospitals and care institutions the risk of storage at the wrong temperature is negligible. Traceability in this setting is also ensured.

WITHIN A HOSPITAL OR CARE INSTITUTION SETTING, MEDICINES WITHOUT STORAGE CONDITIONS, HAVING A DEDICATED CERTIFICATION, IN UNOPENED SECONDARY PACKAGING THAT HAS NOT BEEN IN THE PATIENT'S POSSESSION CAN BE SAFELY REDISTRIBUTED

* in that case stability studies have shown that no considerable changes were detected during long term storage at various temperatures and under the influence of moisture and light.

GUIDELINE - STABILITY - CERTIFICATION - REDISTRIBUTION



A guideline could be set up in accordance with IGJ. When a medicine adheres to the requirements in the guideline, it will receive a certification for safe redistribution.

This certification, visible on the packaging of the medicine, enables the personnel in a hospital or care institution to identify whether a medicine is fit for redistribution.



With a number of administrative adjustments for medication monitoring and for the compensation for redistribution and the associated tasks, we could make redistribution of medicines in hospitals and care institutions in the Netherlands possible.



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WE CAN PREVENT THAT MEDICINES OF GOOD QUALITY ARE BEING WASTED* BY USING EXISTING INFORMATION AND SYSTEMS THAT ARE ALREADY IN PLACE

Stability information of all medicines that are marketed in the Netherlands is already available and can be found in the medicines database (genesmiddelinformatiebank) of the CBG. The certificate for safe redistribution could be added to this existing database.

The manufacturer could print the certification directly onto the packaging or could use a special tamper evident seal that has the certification.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE REDISTRIBUTION POSSIBLE

* Wasting medicines happens mostly because of expected quality and safety risks. Amongst the most wasted medicines is paracetamol, for which - like for many other cheap medicines - there are no storage conditions. These medicines are thus unnecessarily wasted. This elevates the costs for healthcare and contributes to the environmental impact of medicines.

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