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Background:

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### Scientific / Educational Activities

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| **Pharmacoepidemiological/Pharmacoeconomic workshops; Andrija Stampar Teaching Institute of Public Health, Zagreb.**  
**Themes and Discussion leaders in 2014:**  
Prevention and Treatment of the Flu  
Therapy of Osteoporosis  
Hypertension - treatment  
Psychical Aspects of Mobbing  
News in the Clinical Treatment of Epilepsy  
Register of Acute myocardial infarct in city of Zagreb  
Hypertension in the Chronic Kidney Disease Patients Paliative Care  
Monitoring of the Drug Consumption in Croatia  
Modern Treatment of Anemia  
**Biotechnology Department, University of Rijeka**  
Graduate study  
Pharmacoeconomics 2,0 ECTS  
**School of Medicine, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University Osijek**  
Postgraduate doctoral study in biomedicine and health.  
Pharmacoeconomics 1,0 ECTS |
| **School of Pharmacy and Biochemistry, University of Zagreb**  
Postgraduate study in clinical pharmacy  
Pharmacoeconomics 1,0 ECTS |
Program

Postgraduate study program provides additional training of pharmacists as active participants in the health care delivery system. The content and objectives of the study participants allow replenishment of knowledge acquired during their graduate studies, that it has become necessary in the modern health care system. The pace of constant accumulation of new scientific and technical knowledge in the field of biomedicine, and the development of new, powerful and often of difference drugs on the one hand, increasing the number of chronic diseases and increasing the proportion of elderly in the population, on the other hand, significantly makes more complex contemporary pharmacotherapy. It is necessary to face increasing challenges and professional problems, such as polypharmacy, medication errors, drug interactions, which may lead to unwanted complications to the health of patients, and further increase the already rising overall health care cost. Modern drug therapy needs new knowledge and skills in order to properly answer the challenges of the time. Pharmacist at their place and role in the way of prescribing the drug to the application, takes the place of the last official inspection, and is obliged and able to significantly influence the direction of a rational and safe use of medicines. Therefore, further professional education of pharmacists desirable, almost necessary. Clinical Pharmacy provides additional knowledge and skills of pharmacists in the practice of public and hospital pharmacies ie institutions which are prescribed and administered medications, shifting the focus of professional interest to classical pharmaceutical knowledge of chemistry, synthesis and development of drugs to the patient or the population and their security.

Selected scientific articles in journals


Conference papers

- Leppée M, Culig J, Radman I, Mandic K, Urek R. Communication between pharmacist, physician and patient with the aim to increase adherence to medication. International Conference on Urban Health, Manchester, United Kingdom, 4-7 March 2014.
**Policy-Related Activities**

- The Commission for Establishing the Medical Indication of Marijuana, Pharmacoeconomic analysis
- Directives on Use of Drugs to the List
- Pharmacoepidemiology & Pharmacoecnomics Department in Andrija Stampar Teaching Institute of Public Health, Zagreb established.

**Conferences and/or Chapter Meetings**

- ISPOR 17th Annual European Congress, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 8-12 November 2014
  1) Participation in ISPOR Forum F5: Capacity Building in Pharmacoconomics and HTA in Central & Eastern European (CEE): Culig J. Opportunities to Grow
  2) Research Committee meeting (Josip Culig)
  3) Educational Committee meeting (Pero Draganic)

**Membership Development**

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### Upcoming Activities for ISPOR Croatia Chapter in 2015

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<td>Year round, 2nd Wednesday, every month except July and August</td>
<td>Pharmacoepidemiological/Pharmacoeconomic workshops, health practitioners participate</td>
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<td>23-26 April 2015</td>
<td>Fifth Adriatic and Fourth Croatian Congress of Pharmacoconomics and Outcomes Research with International Participation, Šibenik, Croatia. ISPOR Symposium: The impact of pharmacoeconomic activities for the health practitioners and patients communities</td>
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<td>7-11 November 2015</td>
<td>ISPOR 18th Annual European Congress, Milan, Italy</td>
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