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NACDS Foundation Issues Request for Proposal to Study & Reduce Primary Medication Non-Adherence Rates

Alexandria, Va. – Today, the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) Foundation released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to study what is termed “primary medication non-adherence (PMN),” which occurs when a patient fails to fill or pick-up their newly prescribed prescription medication. The NACDS Foundation has set aside funding for qualified researchers to measure PMN rates, and to develop, test and evaluate the effectiveness of PMN interventions in the pharmacy setting.

According to a recent peer-reviewed study, nearly one in four newly prescribed prescription medications was not collected by patients. This trend was especially prevalent among patients with chronic disease such as hypertension and diabetes.

“The NACDS Foundation’s Request for Proposal seeks to examine primary medication non-adherence rates, and ways in which the healthcare system – through the collaborative integration, engagement and intervention of pharmacists, physicians and other healthcare providers, and the proper and effective use of health information technology – can be utilized to improve overall patient health outcomes and medication adherence rates,” said NACDS Foundation President Edith A. Rosato, RPh., IOM.

Medication non-adherence is a patient crisis and multi-billion dollar healthcare problem in the United States. According to the New England Healthcare Institute (NEHI), when a patient does not fill or properly take their prescribed medications correctly it leads to dangerous complications, emergency room visitations and hospital admissions – needlessly costing more than \$290 billion annually.

To view the entire RFP, please click [here](#). All proposals must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. (EST) on Tuesday March 15, 2011.

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