

## **MTMPath Offers New Rhinitis Assessment Module**

Clinical Support Services, Inc. (CSS), a national leader in providing Medication Therapy Management (MTM) software and solutions, has incorporated a rhinitis assessment module into its MTMPath™ product.

The rhinitis module assists pharmacists to appropriately assess the effectiveness of a patient's current therapy to ameliorate a condition suffered by an estimated 50 million Americans.

"In the academic environment, MTMPath's rhinitis assessment technology provides a perfect entry-level clinical effort for advancing clinical practice in a community setting," explained James Notaro, R.Ph., Ph.D., president and founder of CSS. "Rhinitis assessment is the 'perfect storm' for demonstrating the cost-effectiveness of pharmacist interventions, providing early practice experience opportunities, developing clinical efforts in community pharmacies, and advancing the research mission of the College with robust pharmacoepidemiology."

CSS's rhinitis assessment module guides pharmacists and pharmacy students through the patient's current drug regimen, provides an inventory questionnaire that gathers the clinical data relative to the symptom set, and creates a recommendation as to treatment options.

"Understanding and managing this acute, and often chronic, condition is important to the quality of life for many patients," Notaro said. "Rhinitis is a costly symptom to manage. Consequently, assuring that patients are receiving optimal cost-effective therapy is very important."

Using the MTMPath software multiple pharmacies can be organized under one network to provide HIPAA compliance for individual pharmacies, and aggregated, de-identified data sets for the College faculty.

The MTMPath rhinitis management tool joins an existing library of patient assessment algorithms that use standardized risk predictors to deliver evidence-based therapeutic care to patients. In addition to rhinitis, CSS's current RxCarePath™ algorithm technology assessments include pain management, cardiovascular risk, asthma severity, angina, Parkinson's disease, cognition and function. Users are also provided with tools to assess certain drug classes like angiotensin receptor blockers (ARBs) and proton-pump inhibitors (PPIs).

CSS's MTM technology is used by managed care organizations, ambulatory care pharmacies, colleges of pharmacy, and consultant pharmacists throughout the country.

“MTMPath provides a clinically robust medication therapy management documentation system offering many advanced capabilities in terms of functionality and intuitive, ease-of-use,” Notaro said. “Moreover, MTMPath allows pharmacists to report the clinical and financial value of their management interventions.”

For more information and a demonstration of MTMPath with the new rhinitis assessment module, contact CSS at 716/541-0273 or [rachelwozniak@csshealth.com](mailto:rachelwozniak@csshealth.com).