

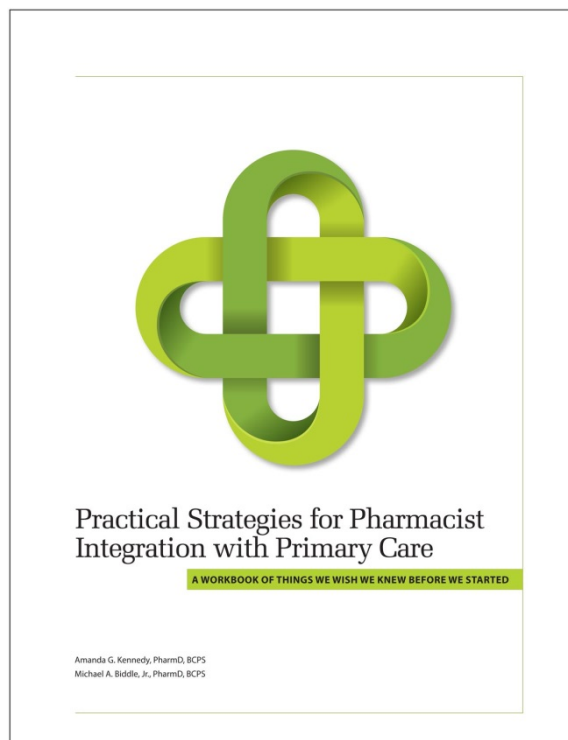
Practical Strategies for Pharmacist Integration with Primary Care: A Workbook of Things We Wish We Knew Before We Started

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What is this workbook and why was it created?

This workbook is a collection of practical strategies and examples that promote the successful integration of pharmacists with primary care practices. The strategies resulted from the Medication Management Pilot Study to evaluate the integration of pharmacists with Vermont patient-centered medical homes, funded by a Vermont Department of Health grant to the University of Vermont College of Medicine.



Where can I find more details about the Medication Management Pilot Study?

The results of the project have been published in the journal, *Population Health Management*.

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Key findings from the study:

Pharmacists were partnered into five Vermont primary care practices, one-day per week, to provide direct patient care, population-based medication management, and prescriber education. The pharmacists identified 708 drug therapy problems through direct patient care (336/708; 47.5%); population-based strategies (276/708; 38.9%); and education (96/708; 13.6%). Common population-based strategies included adjustment of doses and discontinuation of unnecessary medications. The cost avoidance model suggests \$2.11 in cost was avoided for every \$1.00 spent on a pharmacist (\$373,092/\$176,690).

Who is the target audience for the workbook?

The workbook was written specifically for pharmacists; however, primary care practitioners, nurses, and practice administrators will find it a helpful resource.

Where can I find a copy of the workbook?

The workbook is posted on the UVM Office of Primary Care and AHEC Program website (uvm.edu/medicine/ahec), click on "Programs" and then on "Pharmacists in Primary Care."