

## Highlights of Unique European Hospital Pharmacy Survey Published



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The European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP) is proud to announce the publication of a new booklet which provides a detailed summary of the largest ever survey undertaken of hospital pharmacy practice in Europe.

EAHP Survey 2010: Hospital Pharmacy Practice in Europe is the collected analysis of a comprehensive survey, conducted throughout 2010, which investigates the many facets of current practice in hospital pharmacies across 30 different countries.

The booklet, published by BMJ, contains the full series of articles that were originally published in The European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy. The articles scrutinise the survey's findings across a number of themed areas, including:

- Hospital pharmacy staffing;
- Procurement and distribution practices;
- Production of medicines within hospital pharmacies;
- The extent of clinical service development; and,
- The role of hospital pharmacies in the conduct of clinical trials and research.

The articles observe the differences of practice between countries, as well as prevailing common trends in practice, with the intention of providing thought-provoking stimulus for any reader involved in hospital pharmacy service development. The results of the survey will also guide future work by EAHP in delivering its mission of developing the hospital pharmacy profession across Europe.

Speaking on the publication of the booklet, EAHP President Dr Roberto Frontini said: "EAHP Survey 2010: Hospital Pharmacy Practice in Europe is a tool for hospital pharmacy service development right across Europe. Hospital pharmacists can see where their country fits within the overall European picture and better direct their improvement efforts. I therefore hope all my professional colleagues will take time to read this new publication, digest the results, and reflect on what the achievements of other countries might mean for practice within their own national systems. Finally, I want to sincerely thank the many countless individuals who worked so hard and gave of their time to make this major exercise, the largest survey we have ever undertaken, the valuable resource it is. It is the fruit of their labours."

EAHP Survey 2010: Hospital Pharmacy Practice in Europe is available to download here: <http://www.eahp.eu/publications/survey/eahps-2010-survey-hospital-pharmacy-practice-europe>

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