

The Role of Pharmacist Counseling in Client Attitudes Towards Administration of Veterinary Medications

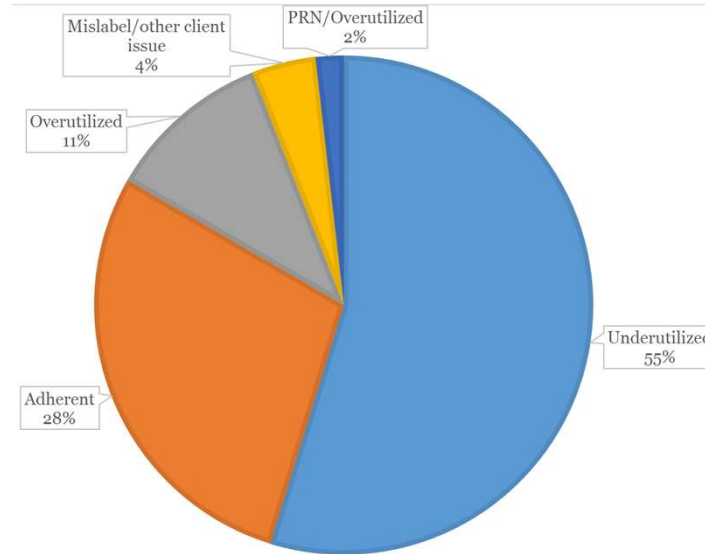
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BACKGROUND

- Pharmacist counseling and human medication adherence
 - Required by OBRA '90
- Veterinary pharmacist role less clear
- Issues with adherence to prescribed treatment among veterinary clients
 - Recommended methodology: combination pill count, client interview
- Hypothesis: intervention by pharmacist will increase adherence to veterinary treatment regimens

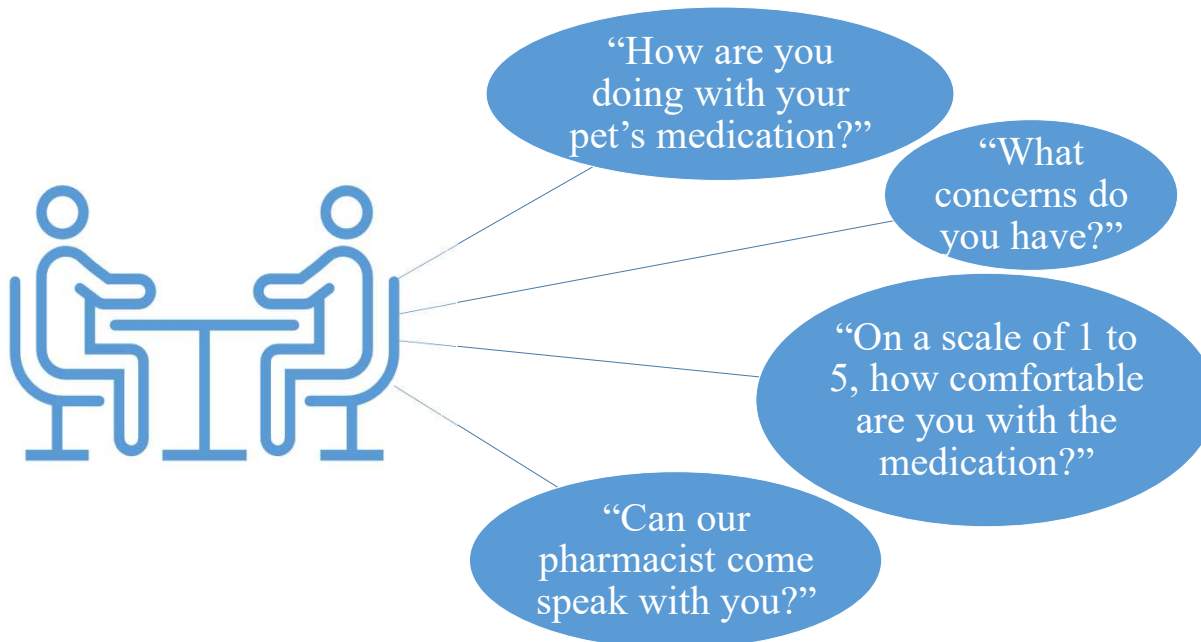
PILL COUNT DATA



MATERIALS AND METHODS

- Larger project examining adherence to treatment regimens
- Licensed social worker at Auburn University Veterinary Teaching Hospital
 - Will inquire about treatment administration concerns
 - Likert scale
- Offer pharmacist counseling to address specific medication concerns
 - Repeat Likert rating following pharmacist intervention

CLIENT INTERVIEW



IMPLICATIONS

- Clarify the role of pharmacists in client education
 - Pharmacy curriculum: motivational interviewing
- Increase understanding of barriers to adherence
 - Veterinarian education
 - Pharmacist intervention
- Establish pharmacists as client resource
 - Increase understanding of medication therapy