

PharmaNet Bulletin

Discontinuation of the Duration of Therapy Module

The Duration of Therapy Module (DOTM) has been discontinued by First DataBank (FDB) and therefore, effective **September 5, 2002**, PharmaNet will no longer perform Duration of Therapy checking. The DOTM provided checks for the optimal or recommended duration of therapy for the pediatric, adult and geriatric age group.

This module will be replaced, in an upcoming PharmaNet release, with the enhanced Dosage Range Check Module (DRC). Specific details of the software enhancements and resulting functionality as well as implementation dates are yet to be determined. The DRC will perform more sophisticated duration of therapy checking than was possible with the DOTM.

Until this aspect of PharmaNet is upgraded, the Duration of Therapy check on PharmaNet will return zeros in the Drug Utilization Evaluation (DUE) DOT response for all drugs.

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