# Communication Between General Practitioners and Pharmacists

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## Overview

- Pharmacist-Physician Interaction
- Face and Politeness
- Effects of Politeness
- •Implications/Recommendations

# Pharmacist-Physician Interaction

Pharmaceutical Care

- Optimal Drug Therapy
- Allergies and Contraindications
- Medication Errors

Role Expansion

#### Face and Politeness

The concept of "face"

- Positive sense of social value
- Saving face and losing face
- •Face work

#### **Politeness**

 Politeness as a standard set of strategies for doing face work in ordinary interaction

• Face wants

- Positive
- Negative

### Politeness

Positive politeness

Negative politeness

## Face Threatening Acts

- Threats to Speaker's face wants
  - Positive face
  - Negative face
- Threats to Hearer's face wants
  - Positive face
  - Negative face

# Politeness Strategies

•From least to most polite...

- Bald on the record
- On the record with redress
  - Positive politeness
  - Negative Politeness
- Off the record

Abstention (don't do the FTA)

#### Situational Factors and Politeness

- Power (P)
- Social Distance (D)
- •Ranking (R)
- Level of politeness is a function of P, D, and R
- $\bullet$ Politeness = P + D + R

### Effects of Politeness

Perceived Assertiveness

Perceived Credibility

Consequences of Excessive Deference

## Implications/Recommendations

•If you want to be perceived as assertive, then be direct; don't be too polite.

•If you want the doctor to feel powerful, be polite.

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Thank You