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Abstract

Background

From 2007 to 2012 five changes of the Rules defining Slovenian external reference pricing (ERP) were introduced to reduce medicine expenditure.

Objective

To assess the cost-saving effect of five ERP updates and the cost-saving effect of specific price reduction agreements, and to identify potential inconsistencies in determining the maximum allowed prices (MAPs) based on ERP.

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