

PRESCRIPTION ABANDONMENT

One of the biggest challenges facing clinicians is patients not taking their medications

25% OF PRESCRIPTIONS GO UNFILLED¹



REASONS FOR NON-ADHERENCE



Can't Afford



Thought It Will Cost Too Much²



Don't Understand Need



Don't Think Medicine Was Necessary for Condition²



Forget to Take



Medicine Not Covered by Insurance²



Inability to Affect Disease State



125,000 Deaths Attributed per Year¹



30-50% of Chronic Disease Treatment Failures¹



10% of All Hospitalizations³



16% of Total US Healthcare Expenditures⁴

CONSEQUENCES OF NON-ADHERENCE

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For more information on tracking your patient's medication adherence, please visit www.drfirst.com or call (866) 263-6511.

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