Real-world data support the use of essential phospholipids in non-alcoholic fatty liver disease

RESTORE was an observational, retrospective, non-interventional, cross-sectional survey collecting retrospective real-world data from a specific panel of physicians (gastroenterologists [GEs] and general practitioners [GPs]; > 3 years experience).

Compare GE and GP practices in:



Diagnosis



Assessment and management of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) based on declarations.



Reflect actual outpatient practice of GEs in Poland.



(n = 95)



(n = 115)



380 NAFLD medical records (provided by GEs)

Most common symptoms of NAFLD as reported by GEs/GPs and as described by patients



Bloating



Weakening



33%/21%



Tiredness/ fatigue





Stomachache - /26%



GEs GPs

Symptoms occurring very often were: abdominal discomfort, abdominal bloating, tiredness/fatigue, lack of energy and abdominal pain



- Only a few patients with NAFLD were asymptomatic: 11% of patients from GE records
- · GEs tend to relate general/less specific symptoms (fatigue, loss of energy) in NAFLD diagnosis

Ranking score ^a of criteria for treatment choice	GEs GPs	Ranking score ^a of tolerability of top 5 treatments
Efficacy	4.7 4.6	Essential phospholipids
Tolerability	4.4 4.3	Silybinin/silymarin
Improved QoL	4.4 4.3	Timonacic
Own experience with product	4.3 4.2	Ornithine + choline
Treatment cost	3.7	Ursodeoxycholic acid ^b
^a Physicians ranked each criterion using a scale of 1 (not relevant at all) to 5 (extremely relevant)		aPhysicians ranked each treatment using a scale of 1 (no all) to 5 (extremely well tolerated); PP<0.01 (Mann-Whi

- Most important drug selection criteria were efficacy, tolerability and QoL improvement
- This explains the use of hepatoprotectants in NAFLD management while supporting the PROs (impact of NAFLD on QoL)
- ot tolerated at nitnev U-test) for GEs vs GPs
- · Essential phospholipids are among two highest rated hepatoprotectors for efficacy an improvement of Ool
- Essential phospholipids were the highest rated for tolerability by GEs and GPs

Patients derive particular benefit if they take their medication long-term and at the recommended dosage.