Costs Of Lawsuits With Medicines Against The Brazilian Public Health System

Abstract

Introduction: Population's healthcare has generated by growth lawsuits drugs in recent years. In a country where resources are scarce, it is emphasized the importance of being well managed and it is believed that this analysis may contribute to generate knowledge regarding the drug policy in the Brazilian Public Health System, contributing to the area of management in health. The presente study aimed to know the lawsuits with requests for medicines and supplies against the public health system.

Method: cross-sectional quantitative study. Data collection was carried out based on the analysis of lawsuits with drug demands and inputs filed in the city of Botucatu, State of São Paulo, in the period of two years (2015/2016). Data were obtained from the Attorney's Botucatu, State of Sao Paulo.

Results: Data analysis identified that of the lawsuits: the claimants were 41% males and 59% females, 45.4% were retired, 9.1% pensioners and 13.6% unemployed; the average value of lawsuits was US$ 10,500.00 (minimum of US$26.71 and maximum of US$ 16,026.00) and a total of US$ 461,992.00; and 86.4% of the total lawsuits were for the treatment of Diabetes.

Conclusion: The analysis of lawsuits as well as their values can contribute to the optimization of financial resources, allowing greater control and adequacy in the acquisition of medicines and inputs requested judicially in the Brazilian public health system.