Pharmacy Operations Division Formulary Management Branch



Tetracycline Drug Class Post-Implementation Review

Implemented August 2017



Selected Slides from Feb 2017 Review

Clinical Conclusions from February 2017 Class Review Minutes



- Tetracycline, minocycline, and doxycycline are all effective in the treatment of moderate to severe acne and rosacea.
- Professional treatment guidelines for papulopustular rosacea recommend doxycycline 50 mg to 100 mg, minocycline 50 mg to 100 mg, or doxycycline 40 mg IR/DR (Oracea) as second-line therapy following topical medications, but there are concerns of conflict of interest with the guideline's authors.
- A 2015 Cochrane review evaluating doxycycline for treating rosacea found no significant difference in effectiveness between doxycycline 100 mg and 40 mg IR/DR (Oracea). There were significantly fewer adverse effects with the 40 mg lower dose; however, the results were based on low quality evidence and the clinical relevance of these results is questionable. There was high quality evidence to support efficacy of generic doxycycline 100 mg.

Clinical Conclusions from February 2017 Class Review Minutes



- Solodyn was originally developed as an extended-release (ER) minocycline formulation to reduce potential vestibular adverse effects associated with rapid absorption of generic minocycline IR formulations. However, pharmacokinetic studies showed the absorption profile for Solodyn does not differ significantly from that of minocycline IR.
- There are no head-to-head trials comparing the efficacy or safety of minocycline ER (Solodyn) with generic minocycline IR products for treating acne. A Cochrane review from 2015 concluded there was no data to support minocycline ER formulations are safer than standard minocycline IR preparations.
- Overall, there is little evidence to support advantages of the newer doxycycline and minocycline products over the traditional generic formulations in terms of salt (monohydrate versus hyclate), dosage form (tablet versus capsule versus scored tablets), release mechanisms (IR versus ER versus DR), or dosing strategy (1 mg/kg dosing with minocycline ER versus traditional 50 mg or 100 mg dosing).



Tetracyclines, BRAND

BRAND NAME	GENERIC NAME	STRENGTH (mg)	SALT	GENERICS
Acticlate	dowestino	75, 150	Uhalata	NO
Doryx MPC	doxycycline	60*, 120*	Hyclate	
Solodyn	minocycline	55*, 65*, 80*, 90*, 105*, 115*	HCI	
Demeclocyclin	demeclocycline	150, 300	HCI	
Adoxa		150	Monohydrate	YES
Monodox		100		
Oracea		40*		
Doryx	doxycycline	50*, 100*, 150*, 200*	- Hyclate	
Targadox		50		
Vibramycin		50, 100		
Vibra-tabs		100		
Minocin	minocycline	50, 75, 100	HCI	
Achromycin V, Sumycin	tetracycline	250, 500	HCI	



Tetracyclines, GENERIC

BRAND NAME	GENERIC NAME	STRENGTH (mg)	SALT	
Declomycine	demeclocycline	150, 300	HCL	
Doxycycline IR-DR		40*		
Doxycycline		50, 50*,75*, 100, 100*,150*, 200*	Hyclate	
Morgidox	doxycycline	50, 100		
Doxycycline		50, 75, 100, 150	N.A. or a lay relucation	
Mondoxyne NL		75, 100	Monohydrate	
Minocycline ER	minagyalina	45*, 90*, 135*	HCI	
Minocycline	minocycline	50, 75, 100	HCL	
Achromycin V, Sumycin, Tetracycline	tetracycline	250, 500	HCL	

^{*}Delayed Release



"Common" versus "Boutique"

■ "Common" Drugs

- Lower cost per unit compared to other agents in the class
- Common usage compared to other agents in the class
- Standard dosage forms/strengths compared to other agents in the class

■ "Boutique" Drugs

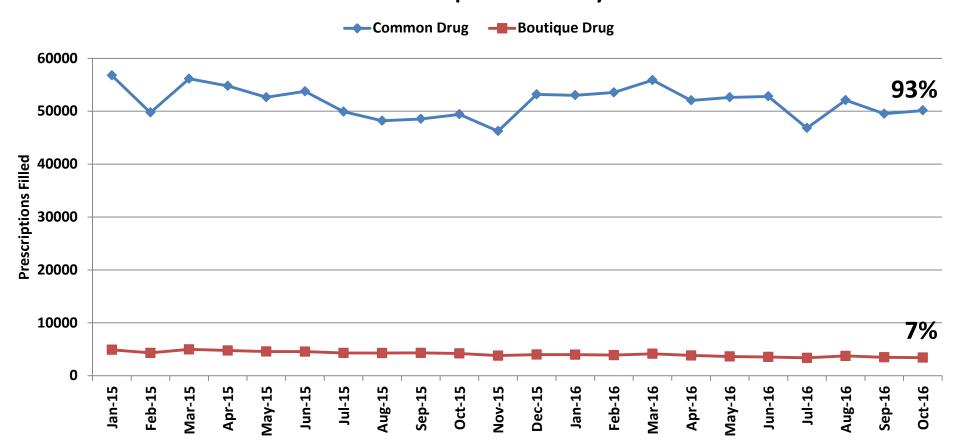
- High cost per unit compared to other agents in the class
- Niche/atypical usage compared to other agents in the class
- ☐ Unusual dosage forms/strengths compared to other agents in the class

	RX	TSIC (RA)	Blended Cost/RX
"Common"	93%	56%	\$70
"Boutique"	7%	44%	\$644

Overall Utilization "Common" versus "Boutique"



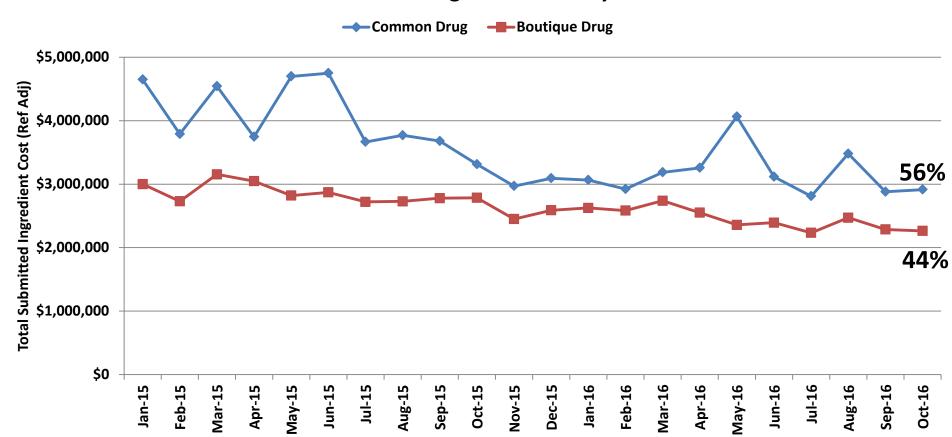
Number of Prescriptions Filled by Month



Overall Cost "Common" versus "Boutique"



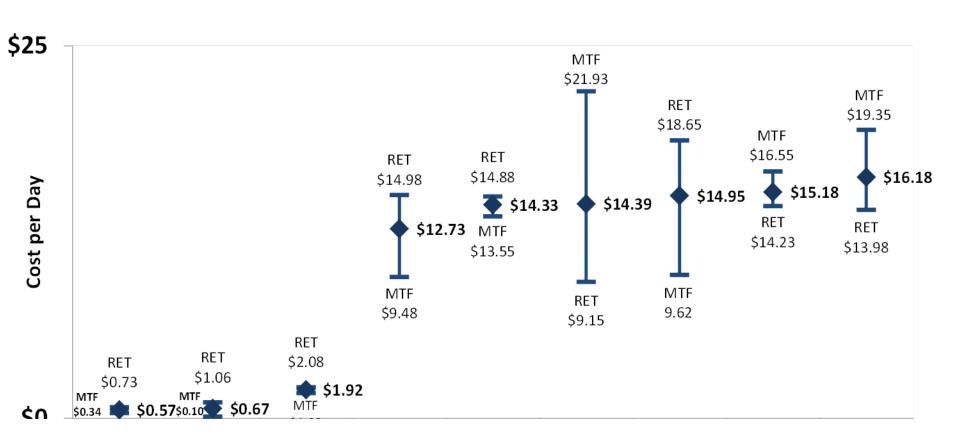
Total Submitted Ingredient Cost by Month



Standardized Market Share MTF 35% Retail 59% Mail 6%



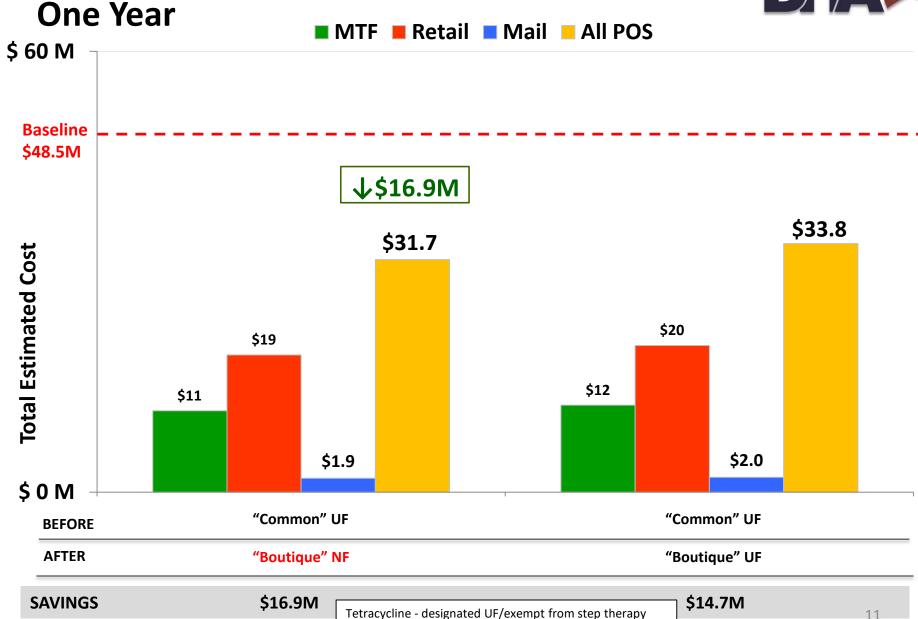
Generics - CURRENT



BIA Model Results

From Feb 2017 review





Demeclocycline - designated UF/exempt from step therapy

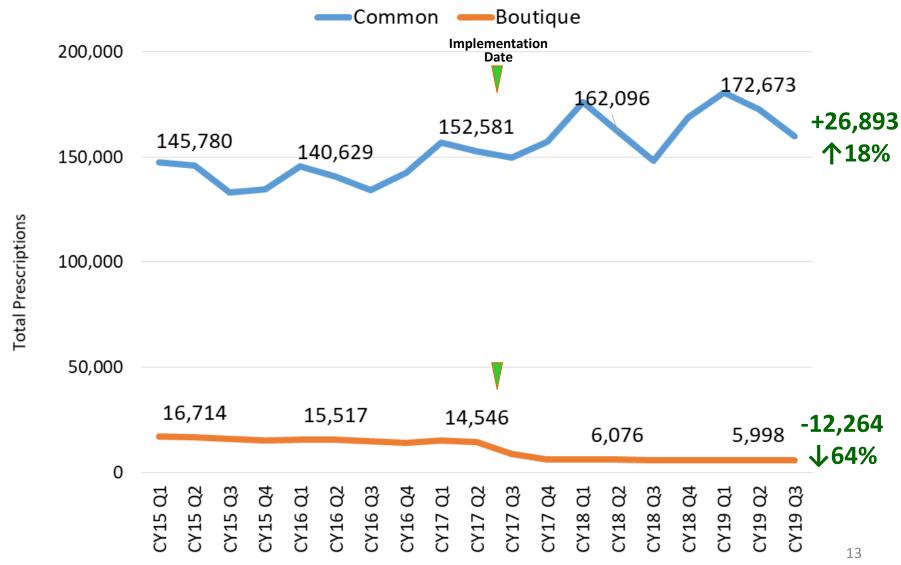


Post-Implementation Results

Implemented CY17Q3 (Aug 2017)

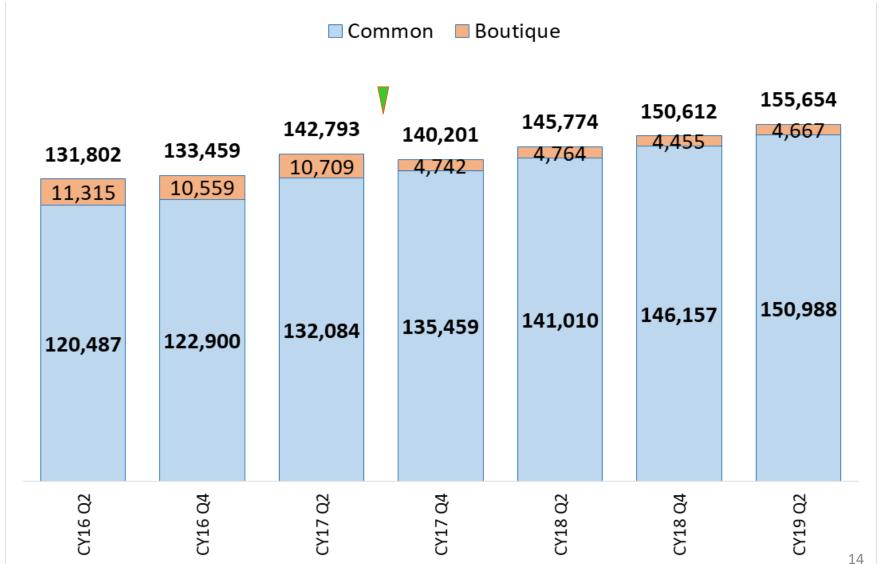
Tetracyclines Total Prescriptions Dispensed





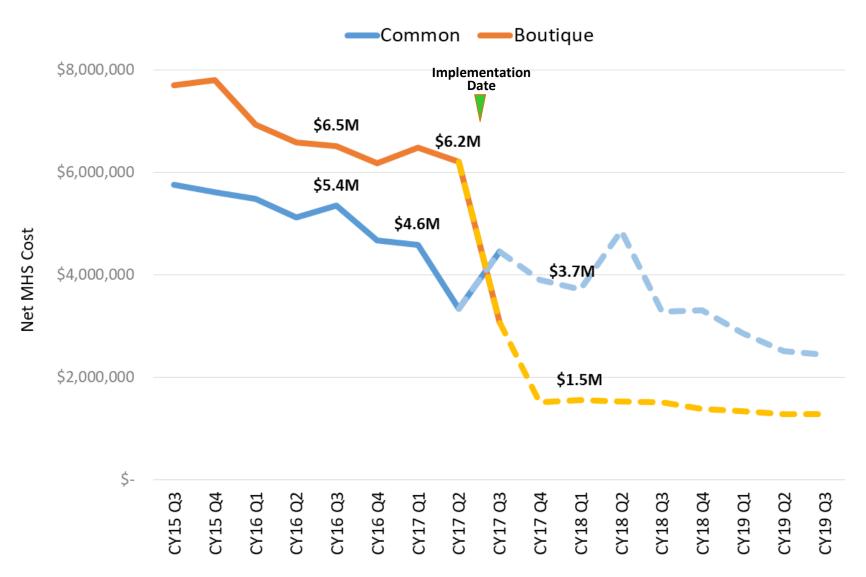
Tetracycline Class Review Total Patient Count for Selected Quarters





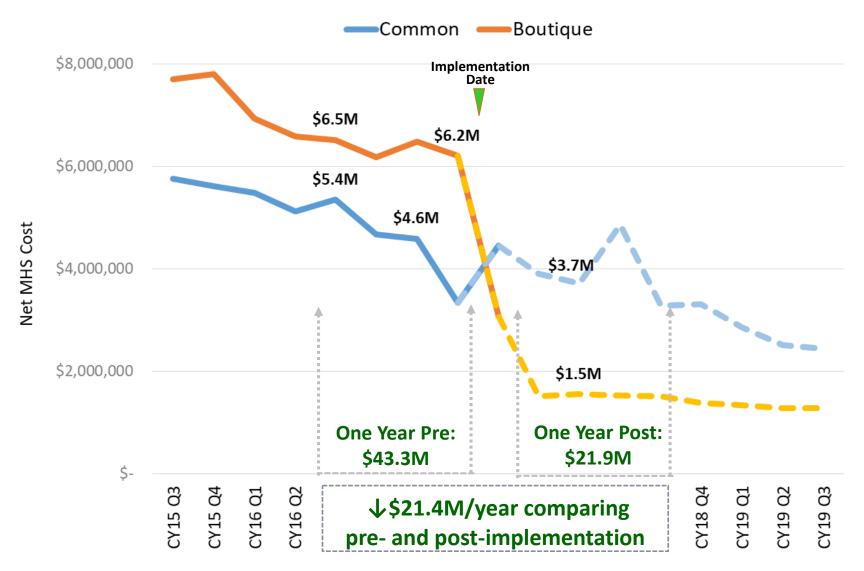
Tetracyclines Net MHS Cost





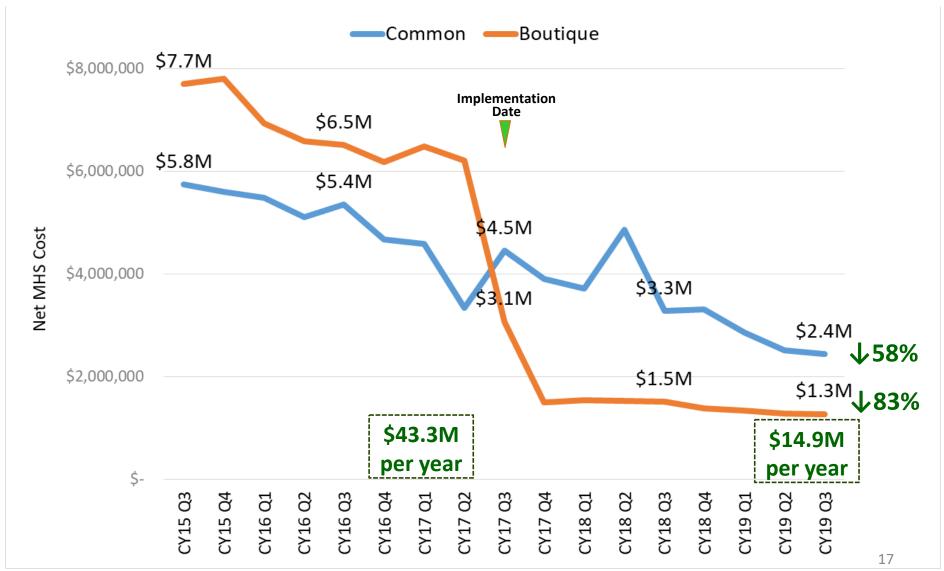
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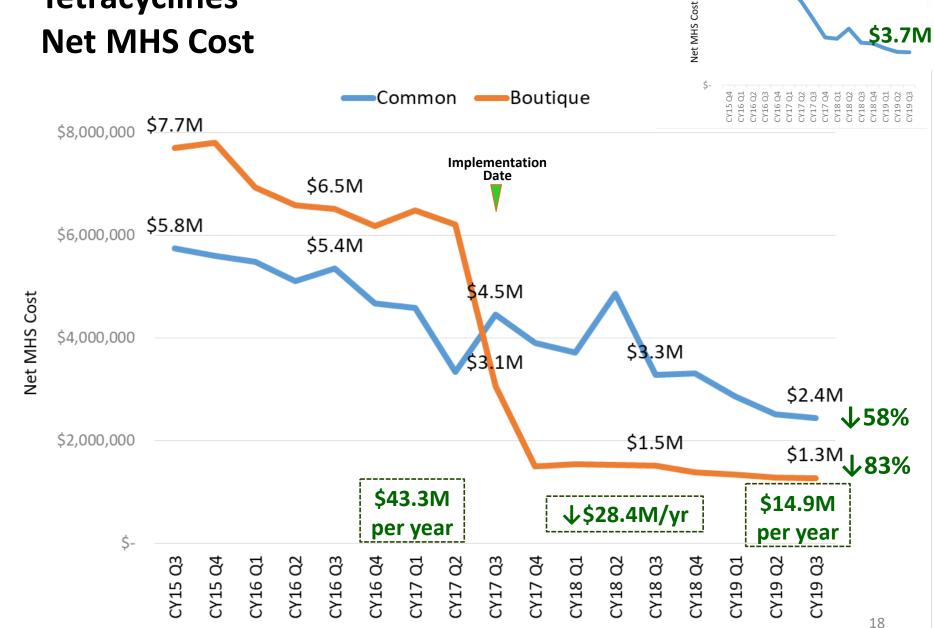
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Source: PDTS. Excludes patients with other health insurance.

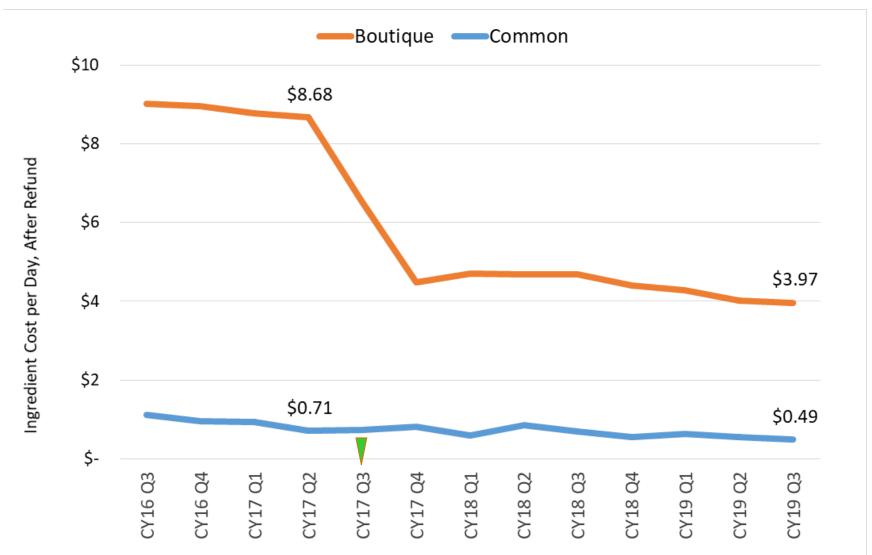




\$13.5M

Tetracyclines Net MHS Cost per Day





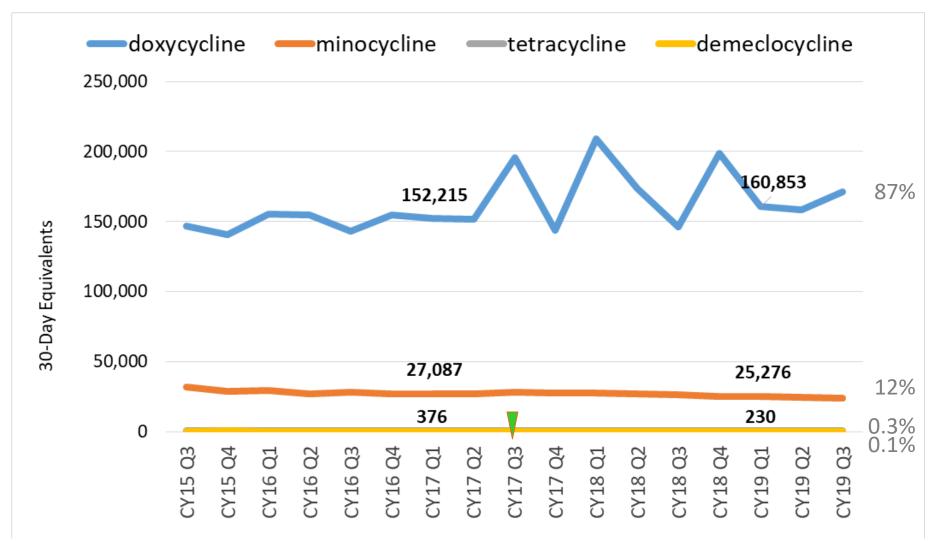


Drivers of Changes in Utilization and Cost

TCN Common Agents

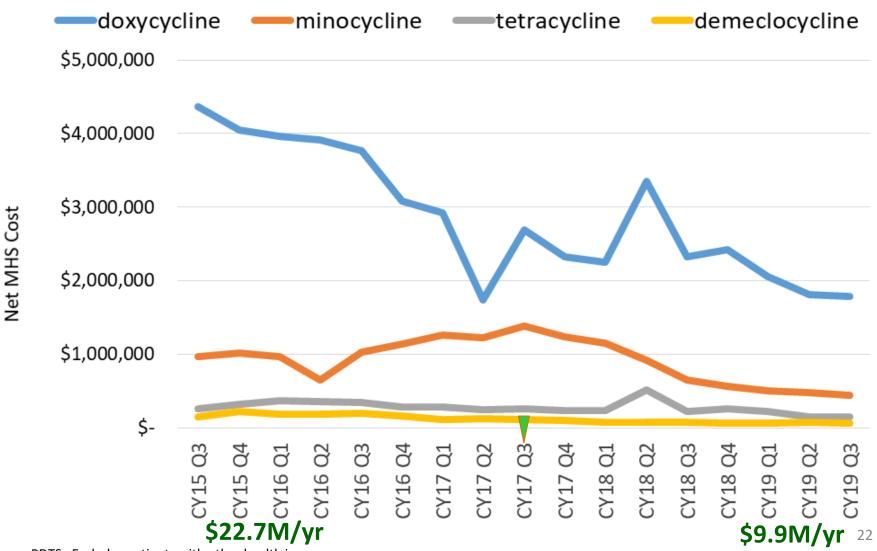
TCN - Common Agents Utilization





TCN - Common Agents Net MHS Cost





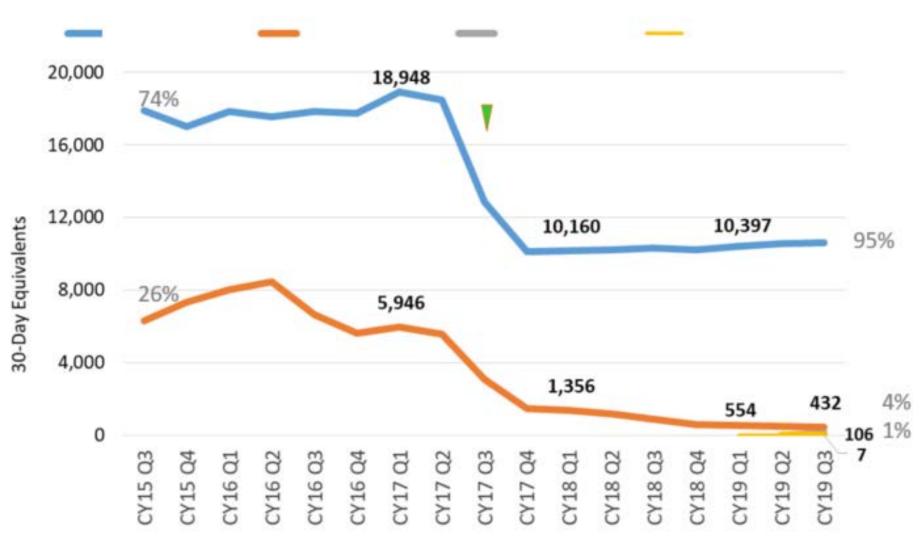


Drivers of Changes in Utilization and Cost

TCN Boutique Agents

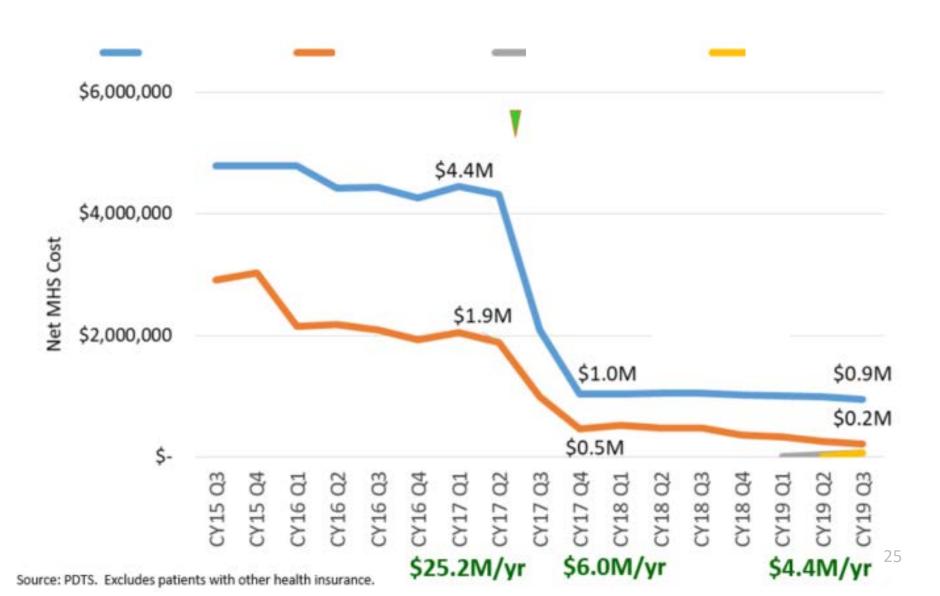
TCN – Boutique Agents Utilization





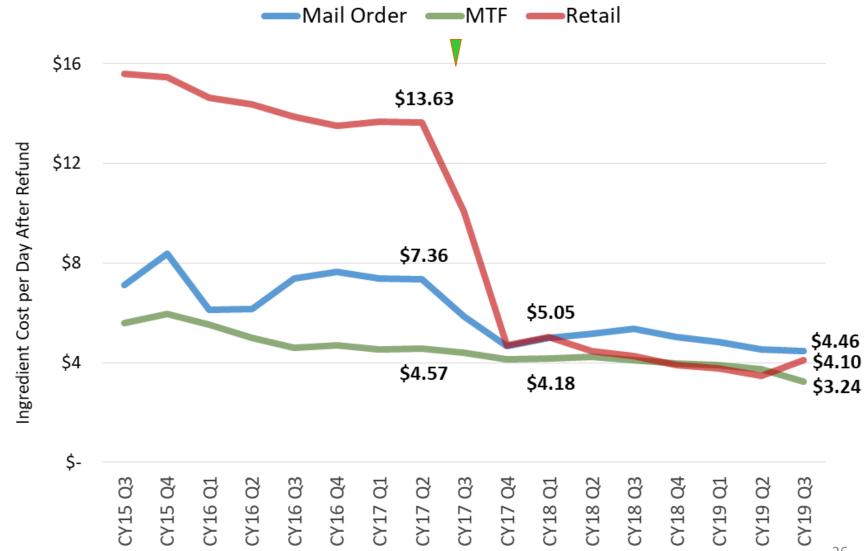
TCN – Boutique Agents Net MHS Cost





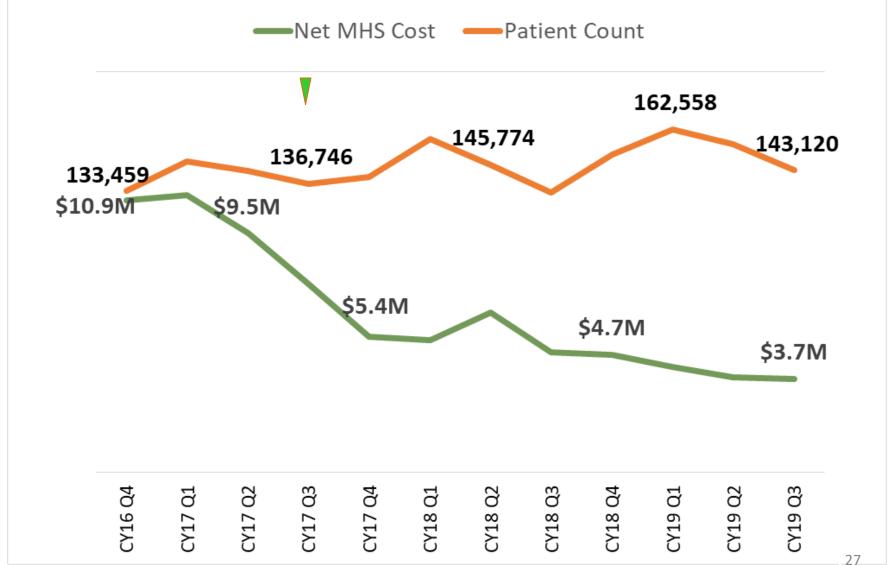
TCN – Boutique Agents (All) **Net MHS Cost per Day**





Tetracyclines Summary of Cost and Patient Count





Tetracycline UF Class Review Summary



- Tetracycline class review resulted in **significant and sustained cost avoidance** for the MHS
 - □ Post-implementation review shows that annual **cost** avoidance exceeded the conservative BIA estimate
- Utilization moved from more costly "boutique" agents to less costly "common" agents
- Also, within the "boutique" segment, market share shifted from higher-cost to lower-cost agents
- Patient count and total prescriptions were not negatively impacted from this UF class review