



Hospital Formulary

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Definition

- Formulary is a continually revised compilation of pharmaceuticals and some important ancillary information that reflects the current clinical judgement of medical staff.
- Aim of Hospital formulary : To provide best possible treatment to the patient in lowest possible cost

Guidelines for preparing Hospital formulary

- Members of PTC should participate in deciding the drugs to be included in formulary.
- Drugs are selected depending upon the specific needs of hospital.
- Drugs should be included in formulary by using their non-proprietary names.
- As per the needs of particular hospital its formulary system should be adopted by medical staff
- Copies of formulary must be readily available at all times.

Aims/ need / objectives of Hospital formulary

- To provide best possible treatment to patient in lowest possible cost
- It informs the physicians, pharmacist and nurses about new and potent drugs available
- It avoids use of brand and therapeutic duplication of drugs
- Provides rational use of drugs
- Guidelines for procuring, prescribing and administering drugs

- Source of information to the staff about standard dosage regimen, adverse effects etc.
- Guidelines related to emergency drugs
- Source of ADR information reported in hospital

Contents of Hospital formulary

1. Pharmacological index
2. Alphabetical index of drugs
3. List of emergency drugs
4. List of narcotics and dangerous drugs
5. List of drugs with their uses, doses and dosage forms, route of administration, precautions, contraindications and adverse drug reactions

6. List of physicians with their address, phone numbers, qualifications and available timings at hospital
7. Current developments, research in medical and Pharmacy field
8. Information about addition and deletion of drugs
9. Reported ADRs in hospital

Difference between Formulary and Drug list

Formulary

- Drug are listed on basis of generic name followed by information related to strength, form, posology, toxicology, use, recommended quantity to be used
- Prepared locally by clinical staff
- Information provided is subject to local need and desires

Drug list

- Generic name followed by data on strength and form
- Prepared by Country's outstanding clinicians, pharmacologist and pharmacist
- According to their pharmacological properties