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All medication-use policies, regardless of their origination, should flow through the PTC

The organization should have medication-use policies that address the following:

- How medications are requested for addition to or deletion from the formulary
- How medications are reviewed for addition to or deletion from the formulary, including who performs the reviews
- How and when drug class reviews are conducted

All medication-use policies

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- The process for developing, implementing, and monitoring medication-use guidelines
- Methods and policies for ensuring the safe procurement, prescribing, distribution, administration, and monitoring of medications
- Methods for selection of suitable manufacturers for specific medications (i.e., the pharmacy department is responsible for specifications for the quality, quantity, and source of supply of all medications, chemicals, biologicals, and pharmaceutical preparations used in the diagnosis and treatment of patients)

• The process for medication-use policies
• Methods and

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- The process for using nonformulary agents within the hospital and health system
- The process for managing radiopharmaceuticals
- The process for managing drug product shortages
- Policies regarding specific medication-use processes (e.g., procurement, prescribing, distribution, administration, monitoring, automation, and technology)
- The process for disseminating medication-use policies and how users will be educated regarding the process

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- Process for accountability over medication delivery devices (e.g., infusion pumps, dose error reduction software, intranasal atomizers)
- Consideration of medication access through prior authorization processes and patient assistance programs
 - Implementation of PTC decisions into the electronic health record

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Evaluating medications for inclusion in the formulary

- The PTC should use a structured, evidence-based process in the evaluation of medications for formulary consideration.
- The PTC should be provided with information that reflects a thorough, accurate, and unbiased review and analysis of the evidence available in the scientific literature.
- The evaluation process should encourage objective consideration of clinical and care delivery information, facilitate communication, foster positive patient outcomes, and support safe and effective medication ordering, dispensing, administration, and monitoring.



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- Pharmacoeconomic assessments ✓✓
- Managing medication use
- Decisions made by the PTC should support improved patient care outcomes across the continuum of care, including considerations regarding patient access to medications upon discharge.