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ABSTRACT

TITLE OF THE DISSERTATION:

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INTRODUCTION

Much of the present day improved status of health care is due to the contribution made by the pharmaceutical sciences. Pharmacy is the health profession that links the health sciences with the chemical sciences. Pharmaceutical sciences ensure safe and effective use of medications. The traditional role of pharmacy is compounding and dispensing medications.

Over a period of time, the pharmacy profession has greatly changed from being primarily concerned with safe, effective and appropriate use of medication and enhanced pharmacy services to patients. High technological advancement and information explosion have significantly raised the knowledge and quality level.

The modern roles of the Pharmacists as revised by the WHO are those of Care giver, Decision maker, Communicator, Leader, Manager, Lifelong learner and Teacher.

The modern role of the Pharmacists needs the help of information technology to a great extent.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

To study the existing level of I.T penetration in the Medical Stores of Cantonment General Hospital with a view to suggest achievable changes.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. To obtain information on the role of the present day hospital pharmacies.
2. To obtain information on the level of automation and the degree of use of information technology in hospital pharmacies in India and other developed and developing countries in order to perform their present day role.
3. To study the organisation, functions and role of the medical stores (pharmacy) of the hospital under investigation.
4. To determine the level of automation and the degree of use of information technology in pharmacy of the hospital under study.
5. To investigate the feasibility of implementation of modern information technology in the hospital pharmacy with a view to improve efficiency, user satisfaction, economics of operation and patient safety.
6. To identify the areas those require improvement in planning and organising the same.
7. To identify the barriers in implementation of automation and adoption of modern information technology in the hospital pharmacy.
8. To recommend strategies for adoption of modern information technology and automation in the hospital pharmacy.

METHODOLOGY

Study Setting: The study has been carried out at Cantonment General Hospital, New Delhi which is a Government Hospital. The hospital is a 100 bedded facility at present, providing General Medical and Primary Emergency Care Services including Laboratory, X-ray and Delivery Services. The hospital is located in Sadar Bazaar, Delhi Cantt.

Materials and Methods: The following methodology was adopted for the study:

- Review of Literature –

- **Proposed Document Study –**
 - Ledgers of the Consumable items
 - Indent cum issue vouchers (Convenience Sampling)
 - Indenting Procedure (policy document)
 - SOP for Local Purchase of Consumables
 - Reports and Returns

- **Interview with the functionaries** : Structured Interview with the help of a Questionnaire was conducted with the functionaries in order to obtain data regarding:
 - Organisation of Pharmacy
 - Human Resources of the Pharmacy
 - Education Level of the functionaries
 - Job Description and Role of the Pharmacists
 - Availability of Computer Hardware and Software
 - View of pharmacy functionaries regarding automation and adoption of Modern Information Technology

- **Observation –**
 - Methods and procedure to carry out various functions in the Pharmacy
 - Availability of Computers and Printers
 - Availability of Software
 - Networking with Hospital LAN
 - Availability of Automation Equipment
 - Availability of Internet connection

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

The Pharmacy deals with all types of Medical stores – both consumables and non-consumables. The study is restricted to only consumable medical stores.

Only the aspects of functioning of the Medical stores that impacts the actual and potential use of Information Technology and automation have been studied.

CONSTRAINTS

Availability of time has been a constraint as this is a Single Investigator Study. Most of the quantitative data has been collected on the basis of Convenience Sampling.

BASIC FINDINGS

The Pharmacy has one Senior Pharmacist who is the IC of the Medical Stores. In addition, there is an Asstt Pharmacist who is the IC of the Dispensary. The Asstt Pharmacist is assisted by two Jr. Pharmacists (both contractual) in the Dispensary. The Jr Pharmacists do multitasking between the Medical Stores and the Dispensary. In addition to the above, there are two Data Entry Operators and a House Keeping Attendant in the Medical Store.

The job description of the Pharmacist does not mention that Pharmaceutical care is one of the roles of the Pharmacists of this hospital. They carry out the traditional role of product procurement, storage, distribution and record keeping. The Pharmacists are not aware about the terminologies of the Pharmaceutical care.

There are a total of three Computers and two Printers. Two Computers and two Printers in the Medical Stores and one Computer in the Dispensary. There is no Pharmacy Management Software available for their day to day functioning. Computers are used at a very basic level (MS Excel) for duplicating the data of the ledgers on a monthly basis

for Updation of stock availability at the beginning and end of the month as well as for preparation of indents.

Tremendous potential of the Information Technology has not been harnessed by this Medical Store/ Pharmacy.

CONCLUSION

To examine the feasibility of implementation of the Information Technology in this hospital, to bridge the gap between what presently exists and what should be, a systems review needs to be taken. The hospital does not function in isolation. It is a part of the much bigger system. Both internal as well as external environment, have their influence on the feasibility of implementation of Information Technology in the Medical stores of this hospital.

The external environment that can influence the feasibility aspects are: the Technological System, the socio- economic system, the education system, the legal system and so on.

The internal environments that have influence on the feasibility of implementation are: acceptance of need, priority in patient safety, availability of finance, availability of expertise and competence, need for cultural change in doing a thing in a different way than hitherto-being done and the availability of support services external to this organisation.

Some bigger and radical implementation will need support at a higher level. The less costly implementation needing less education and training and shorter time line can be implemented within the hospital level itself, provided the need is accepted at the decision making level.



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ABBREVIATIONS

ABC- Always Better Control

ACLS- Advance Cardiac Life Support

ADE- Adverse Drug Event

ADMS- Automated Drug Management System

ADR- Adverse Drug Reaction

AEPTA- Army Environment Park and Training Area

AFB- Acid Fast Bacillus

AHRR- Army Hospital (Research and Referral)

AIDS- Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

ALS- Advance Life Support

AMDD- Automated medicine Dispensing Device

ANM- Auxiliary Nurse Midwife

ART- Antiretroviral Therapy

ASHP- American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (formerly American Society of Hospital Pharmacists)

Asst- Assistant

BCMA- Bar Coded Medication Administration

BLS- basic Life Support

BNF- British National Formulary

BP- Blood Pressure

Brig- Brigadier

Cantt- Cantonment

CATS- Centralised Accident & Trauma Service

CCRH- Central Council for Research in Homeopathy

C-DAC- Centre for Development of Advanced Computing.

CDSS- Clinical Decision Support System

CEO- Chief Executive Officer

CGH- Cantonment General Hospital

CMO- Chief Medical Officer

CNS- Central Nervous System

CPMS- Computerised Pharmacy Management System

CPOE- Computer Physician Order Entry/ Computer Provider Order Entry

CPR- Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation

DDI- Drug Drug Interaction

DGDE- Director General Defence Estates

DOTS- Directly Observed Treatment Short Course

DSOI- Defence Service Officers Institute

DTC- Drug and Therapeutics Committee

DUR- Drug Utilization Review

EBM- Evidence Based Medicine

EBP- Evidence Based Pharmacy

ECG- Electro Cardio Gram

EHR- Electronic Health Record

EMD –Earnest Money Deposit

EMR- Electronic Medical Record

ENT- Ear Nose Throat

E-prescribing- Electronic Prescribing

Etc- et cetera

FIP- Federation of International Pharmacists

FR- Fundamental Rules

Gen Medicine- General Medicine

GFR- General Financial Rules

GI- Gastro Intestinal

GP- General Practitioner

GS1- Standard of Bar coding

HIT- Health Information Technology

HIV- Human Immuno Deficiency Virus

HQ-Headquarter

IC- In charge

ICD- Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators

ICN- International Council of Nurses

ICU- Intensive Care Unit

IDES- Indian Defence Estates Service

IFPMM- International Federation of Purchasing and Materials Management

IHQ of MOD- Integrated Head Quarters of Ministry of Defence

IMA- Indian Medical Association

IOM- Institute of Medicine

IPGA- Indian Pharmacy Graduates Association

IPP- Intensified Pulse Polio

IT- Information Technology

Jr- Junior

MDR- Multi Drug Resistant

MIMS- Monthly Index of Medical Specialities

NABH- National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers

NGO- Non Government Organisation

NHS,UK- National Health System, United Kingdom

NLEM- National List Of Essential Medicines

Obs & Gynae- Obstetrics and Gynaecology

ONC- Office of the National Coordinator

OPD- Out Patient Department

PBG- Performance Bank Guarantee

PCB- President Cantonment Board

PCDS- Pharmacy Clinical Decision Support

PCS- Pharmaceutical Care Services

PDA- Personal Digital Assistant

Pgme- Programme

PIMS- Pharmacy Inventory Management System

PITS- Pharmacy Information Technology System

PMS- Procurement Management System

PPE- Personal Protective Equipment

QA- Quality Assurance

RFID- Radio Frequency Identification

Sr- Senior

SR- Supplementary Rules

SRPG- Shared Record Professional Guidance

UDDS- Unit Dose Drug Distribution System

USP- United States Pharmacopeia

USPDI- United States Pharmacopeia Dispensing Information

VED- Vital Essential Desirable

WDF- World Dental Federation

WHO- World Health Organisation

WHPA- World Health Professions Alliance

WMA- World Medical Association

WMF- Weekly Maintenance Figure