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## Current Scenario, Challenges and Future Directions for Clinical Pharmacy Practice in India

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### Abstract:

Clinical Pharmacy is a health care specialty where the clinical pharmacist provides patient care that optimizes medication therapy and improves health, and wellness to the disease patients. The clinical pharmacist must apply ethical treatment guidelines, newer health care technologies and social, legal, ethical, professional principles to meet the therapeutic goals in the practice. Clinical Pharmacist must have an education qualification of M.Pharm in Pharmacy Practice degree and Doctor of Pharmacy degree is needed for practice at the clinical level. In foreign countries, every hospital clinical pharmacy practice departments were well established provides better health care services to the community were accepted by the health care practitioners. The clinical pharmacy practice growth in India was still in an infant stage in hospitals and proper coordination between health care professionals, creating more awareness on clinical pharmacist care programmes and job resources for Pharm.D professionals by the government could ultimately improve the patients health related outcomes in the clinical practice.

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