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## The Backbone of Pharmaceutical Safety: A Review of Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) Standards

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### Abstract


Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) are essential regulatory standards in the pharmaceutical industry designed to ensure the safety, efficacy, and quality of medicinal products. These practices address critical risks such as contamination, cross-contamination, improper labelling, and compromised product integrity, which may adversely affect patient health. GMP guidelines, as established by the World Health Organization (WHO), are adopted by national regulatory authorities, such as the National Medicines Regulatory Authority (NMRA) in Sri Lanka, to oversee pharmaceutical manufacturing. Compliance with GMP involves comprehensive protocols, including stringent personnel training, the use of appropriately designed and maintained facilities, validated equipment, rigorous sanitation procedures, and meticulous documentation.

The core components of GMP encompass robust quality management systems, precise materials management, equipment qualification and validation, and comprehensive documentation practices that record all stages of production. Adherence to GMP ensures that pharmaceutical products are consistently manufactured under controlled conditions, minimizing variability and safeguarding product quality. The implementation of quality control measures, including process monitoring, sampling, testing, equipment calibration, and stability assessments, is integral to ensuring compliance with both regulatory standards and defined product specifications. GMP also mandates thorough investigation of any deviations or non-conformance to specifications.

Ultimately, GMP serves to fulfil legal obligations, protect patient safety, and maintain public trust in pharmaceutical products. By enforcing GMP, manufacturers ensure that drugs are produced in accordance with established scientific principles, mitigating potential risks and ensuring the reliability and therapeutic efficacy of medicinal products..

### Key words

Good manufacturing practices (GMP), Safety, Efficacy, process monitoring.

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