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An Overview of Advanced Techniques Used in Hospital's Pharmacy Management

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ABSTRACT

Over the last 20 years, pharmacists' role has transformed from product orientation services into patient centered services in many parts of the world. In India, the role and sense of responsibility of pharmacist is changing from medical shopkeeper to medicines plus more health care provider. Also, the biggest contribution is coming from hospital pharmacy of government as well as private sector.

The present study is based on survey of advanced techniques utilized in hospital pharmacy management across the Satara district of Maharashtra state from India. The survey was conducted using questionnaire, informal interview and observation method. The reputed and multispecialty hospitals were selected from both government and private sector across the district.

The findings of study revealed that, private management seems to be better in utilization of advanced techniques for effective pharmacy management. But, e-aushadhi facility available at government hospital proves best distribution of medications with no error. Also, due to online reporting of all government hospital pharmacies makes it easy to manage medicines and to avoid loss due to expiry of medicines.

Adoption of new technique, change is welcomed by private management, but at government place this process becomes lengthy and documentary due to errors in system of procedures to be followed by protocol given by government. While, private management is free to take and implement decisions faster in speed as compared to government hospital pharmacy. Still it needs to adopt latest technology and wide approach to compete and survive in this profession of health care delivery globally and internationally.

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