Responding to the Pandemic Together
Episode 18: Good pharmacy practice during the COVID-19 pandemic

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Learning Objectives

1. Understand the roles of pharmacists, national pharmaceutical organisations and health care systems in developing GPP standards

2. Understand the role of the pharmacist as a part of health care and the requirements of this role

3. Understand the methodology and principles of quality management

4. Be able to set standards, measure the quality and use the principle of continual improvement in one’s own working environment
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Good Pharmacy Practice

Definition by FIP/WHO

GPP is the practice of pharmacy that responds to the needs of the people who use the pharmacists services to provide optimal, evidence based care.

To support this practice it is essential that there be an established national framework of quality standards and guidelines.

Joint FIP/WHO guidelines on GPP, Standards for quality of pharmacy services, 2010
Key elements of GPP

• Needs analysis
• Services described and standardized to fulfil the needs
• Services based on evidence and knowledge

⇒ Quality of services guaranteed

• Specific needs from pharmacy side to national regulation and rules, but possible also to build a quality management system on pharmacy without this regulation.
Good Pharmacy Practice

When you combine the role of the pharmacist and the quality thinking

PHARMACY PRACTICE becomes GOOD PHARMACY PRACTICE

Pharmacy services should be:
- based on the needs of the societies/customers/patients
- processes should be described and based on strategy of the pharmacy/pharmacies
- processes should continually be evaluated, measured and improved
Quality management of services

• A systematic approach to describe the process and outcomes
• Elements of quality management:

  Process thinking
  Customer focus
  Continual improvement
  Measurable outcomes

Deming’s cycle
From chaos to organised pharmacy services

Guarantee of quality services – quality standards

Successful therapy

Regulation

Needs assessment

Guarantee of accessibility and affordability

Pharmacist

Patient

Society
Process chart in a pharmacy

Planning and development

- Customers in the pharmacy
- Distant customers

Customer needs

Logistics, Economics, IT, compounding, cleaning, PA, Marketing, Data protection

Satisfied
Auditing and measuring

• Every process audited annually by the process owner and the auditor

• Results of processes in the Balanced Scorecard

• Demings circle
Quality management of crises

• Well planned is half done!

• Risk analysis:
  what could happen?
  processes (risk analysis is part of the ISO-standards)
  strategy – what is our role and what are the expectations towards us?
  how can we in the pharmacy level best benefit the community?

• Contingency plans based on risk analysis:
  National level and local level, in health care and at the pharmacy level
  Updated regularly!
GPP in Covid-19

• Safe procurement processes
  => Following the national guidelines and own procurement guidelines
      (masks, disinfectants, tests, medicines)
• Safe storage processes
  => Quality medicines
• Safe dispensing processes
  => Rational medicine usage and medical charts (useful while hospitalised)
  => Diminishing hoarding and waste
  => Rational self-care
  => Patient safety
• Support of adherence to general pandemic guidelines
Example

Finnish pharmacies responding to Covid-19

• Parliament accepted the "Crisis management law" in mid-March

• Ministry of Health and National Agency of Medicines gave their own regulation to pharmacy sector concerning:
  - exceptions for dispensing rules
  - wholesaling instructions and preferences
  - follow-up of stocks
  - limiting the open care usage of hydroxychloroquine and salbutamol

• Other regulation concerning health care personnel, employer rights and responsibilities etc
Role of professional organisations

• Instructions and guidelines:
  Contingency plan - models
  Extemporaneous disinfectant production guidelines
  Webinars on Covid-19
  Webinars for employers about working conditions and safety, quarantine salaries, changes of working shifts etc
• Discussions with officials about the role of the pharmacies and follow-up at national level
Pharmacy level GPP

- Contingency plan from 2017 for influenza pandemic existed
- Updated in March
- All processes and SOPs adapted to the pandemic:
  - Procurement
  - Cleaning
  - Distant customers
  - Extemporaneous production of disinfectants
  - Marketing plan
  - Personnel plan
Our own contingency plan

Decisions from the government

Safety instructions to staff

Health care instructions to customers and us

Instructions to customers, sent to every household
Cleaning instructions

Safety of personnel in customer service

Procurement processes
Information to customers in the pharmacy, to homes and in social media:

- Hand hygiene
- Masks
- Safety distances
- Information about medicines
- Prevention of hoarding
Distant services:
Internet sales 10 x
Netpharmacy and mobilepharmacy
Pick-box
Home deliveries every weekday twice

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Number of Covid-19-cases related to the population/ cases by 100,000 people
Evaluation

• Quality management system contains the measurements of the results
• Development discussions with the personnel in May
• Customer feedback
• Lead feedback
• Situational analysis based on these results

• Processes changed again to adapt to the new situation.
• Lessons learnt: keep the good things, develop new services, be alert!
Questions, comments… and SUCCESS IN YOUR WORK!

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Question Time

Please use the chat board to log your questions & comments.

Today’s Q&A will be focused on:
- Good pharmacy practice principles
- Quality management of pharmacy practice
- Contingency plans for community pharmacies during the pandemic
Important Links & Resources

**FIP Covid-19 Information Hub**
A comprehensive FIP webpage containing all of our resources and outputs relating to COVID-19.
Link: https://www.fip.org/coronavirus

**FIP Facebook Group: COVID-19 & pharmacy**
Link:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/covid19andpharmacy/
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