Pharmacist Role in Disaster Management

Experiment 18 - Practical Notes

Name: _____ Roll no.: _____ Date: _____

Aim

To plan pharmacy support for a fictional local disaster.

Principle

A disaster disrupts supply, access and communication; coordinated pharmacy services support continuity and safe distribution.

Key Points

- Identify emergency coordination, essential stock, storage and referral needs.
- Maintain traceable receipt and issue records and protect temperature-sensitive items.
- Communicate verified information and preserve patient privacy.

Activity Procedure

1. Assess

List needs in a fictional flood or shelter scenario.

2. Plan

Create a stock, storage, dispensing and referral workflow with the designated response team.

3. Prioritise

Identify interruption-sensitive ongoing medicines and accessible clinical services.

4. Review

Explain accountability, expired-product checks and communication.

Record and Observations

Field	Activity record
Scenario / needs	_____
Stock / storage plan	_____
Coordination / referral	_____
Record / communication	_____

Result

Complete the record using your activity, then state the findings, the action required and the reason for that action.

Viva Questions and Answers

1. Why coordinate supplies?

Uncoordinated donations can create shortages, duplicates and unsuitable stock.

2. Why preserve cold-chain records?

Temperature excursions can affect product suitability.

3. Why use verified messages?

Incorrect information can obstruct safe response.

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