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Clinical Pharmacy

CHAPTER 8

Pharmaceutical Care Concepts

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PHARMACEUTICAL CARE

Pharmaceutical care is the responsible provision of drug therapy to achieve definite outcomes that improve quality of life.

It is:

- patient-centered
- outcomes-oriented
- collaborative
- continuous

The pharmacist moves beyond supplying a product to accepting responsibility for identifying, resolving and preventing medicine-related problems.

FROM: SUPPLYING A PRODUCT



TO: A PATIENT-OUTCOME PARTNERSHIP



GOALS OF PHARMACEUTICAL CARE

1. Select the most appropriate therapy.



2. Improve clinical outcomes and quality of life.



3. Prevent or resolve drug-related problems.



PATIENT

4. Reduce adverse reactions, interactions and medication errors.



5. Promote rational use: right medicine, dose, route, duration and cost.



6. Help the patient understand and follow the plan.



Every goal should be patient-specific and measurable.

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS



Patient-centered assessment:
history, lifestyle, beliefs, preferences and goals.

Collaboration:
shared decisions with the patient and healthcare team.

Documentation:
clear record of assessment, intervention and outcome; SOAP may be used.

Follow-up:
monitor response, laboratory data, adverse effects and adherence.

These elements turn a recommendation into continuing care.

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