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Topics

• Formulary System
• Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P & T) Committee
• Adverse Drug Reaction Reports
• Ethics

Formulary System

• Methods whereby the medical staff
  – Evaluates
  – Appraises
  – Selects
• From available drug entities those products that are considered most useful
Formulary Concerns

Clinical judgment of the medical staff based on:
  • Therapeutics
  • Efficacy
  • Safety
  • Cost

Formulary

• Drug list
• Drug information
• Pharmacy contact information
• Selected policies

P & T Committee

Is a policy recommending body to the MEDICAL STAFF and the ADMINISTRATION of the organization on matters related to the therapeutic use of drugs
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization (JCAHO)

- Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee
- "Medication use, an ongoing process"
  - Selection
  - Prescribing
  - Dispensing
  - Administration
  - Monitoring of therapeutic effects

P & T Committee--Functions

- Evaluate products for inclusion or exclusion
- Provide educational materials and programs
- Evaluate drug usage
- Monitor adverse drug reactions
- Develop policies and procedures for non-formulary drugs
- Develop policies re conflict of interest
- Interact with quality assurance committees
- Monitor investigational drug programs

P & T Committee--Organization and Operations

- Membership
- Meeting schedule: JCAHO
- Agenda
- Minutes
- Recommendations
- Liaison with other committees
P & T Committee—Categories of Drugs

• Formulary
• Non-Formulary
• Restricted
• Clinical Trials

P & T Committee--Process

• Requests (Attachment A)
• Work up (Attachment B)
• Presentation at meetings (Attachment B)

P & T Committee—External Factors

• Governmental
  – Medicaid = DSHS
  – Medicare Part D (AARP)

• Pharmacy Benefits Managers (PBMs)—Premera, Molina, Regence, etc.
  – Plan formularies
  – Report cards
  – Educational phone calls
P & T Committee—
Adverse Drug Reactions

• Policy (Attachment C)
• Process (Attachment D)
• FDA Reporting (Attachment E)

Integrity Guidelines
State Ethics Law

• Avoid actual conflicts of interest
• Avoid actions that appear to involve a conflict of interest
• See Attachment F

Questions: Contact your supervisor or manager

Integrity Guidelines
State Ethics Law (cont)

• No personal business activities in work environment
• No HMC affiliations in advertising related to outside business
• No participation in hiring or direct supervision of family member
• Donations to UW facility or program must be through a University-approved gift account
• Do not solicit or accept gifts (no cash)
Integrity Guidelines
State Ethics Law (cont)

Three standards relating to gifts
• No gifts in exchange for vote, judgment or action
• No gift to reward performance or non-performance
• No gift of more than $50 in one year

May not use HMC funds for political party, committee, or candidate

ASHP Guidelines on Pharmacists’ Relationships with Industry

Useful criterion: Would the pharmacist be willing to have these relationships generally known?

See Attachment G

ASHP Guidelines
Gifts, Hospitality, or Subsidies

• Do not accept if acceptance
  – Might influence
  – Might appear to others to influence
Clinical judgment or drug product selection
ASHP Guidelines
Continuing Education

- Students may attend “carefully selected education conferences”
- Faculty may accept reasonable honoraria

ASHP Guidelines
Consultants

- Must give genuine service
- Token consulting is not justified

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Conclusion:
“The present extent of physician-industry interactions APPEARS TO AFFECT prescribing and professional behavior and should be further addressed at the level of policy and education.”