PHARMACY 483

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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
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
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.