FAQ ABOUT DRUG INFORMATION CENTRE

Q.1. What is Drug information Service for?

✓ Drug information refers to the provision of unbiased well-referenced and critically evaluated up-to-date information on any aspect of drug use. This service provides up-to-date and unbiased information regarding medicines and their use. For example, availability, action, price, substitutes, interactions, safety in pregnancy or lactation, side effects and storage/stability and transportation of drugs, etc.

Q.2 What is the need of Drug Information Service?
✓ Generally, people have very little knowledge regarding proper and correct use of medication. This lack of knowledge may become harmful as it may lead to aggravation of disease, more side effects, less compliance, and even increased cost of therapy. Various studies have shown that if patients discuss their therapy related problems and concerns with a drug expert—a pharmacist, it resulted in increased compliance and better treatment outcomes.

✓ Drug Literature is vast and complex and it is growing rapidly in size. It is also increasingly complex i.e. inter disciplinary and inter professional in nature. The rate of new drug approval is also very high in the present world dominated by information technology. In a highly populated country like ours patient load for practicing physicians and other health care providers is very high. The time available for going through the vast array of complex literature to keep abreast of newer developments is minimal. A drug information centre dedicated for the task of providing unbiased, critically reviewed information is a logical solution for this problem.

Q.3 Who can take benefit from this service?

A layman and health care professional is equally benefited by the service.

Q.4 Who answers your query (ies)?

Drug information pharmacist- who is all specialized in drug information – answers your queries.

Q. 5 Have you ever struggled with a drug question?

✓ Raised questions about medicines
✓ Could this medication be causing an adverse effect?
✓ What are other product affect prescription medications?
✓ Will this new prescription interact with any of current medications?

Q. 6 What should I know about my medicine?

✓ The proper name or identity and indication of your medicine;
✓ How to handle;
✓ Benefit of taking your medicine regularly;
✓ Hazards of missing frequent doses or quitting therapy against medical advice;
✓ Precautions and "must avoid" situations with your medicine;
✓ Dietary precautions and lifestyle modification suggested;
✓ Right time, Right route, Right dose, Right frequency and Right duration of taking your medicine;
✓ Proper storage and keep safe guard condition viz keep out of reach of children;
✓ Proper disposal method;
✓ What are the common side effects and how to handle them

Q.7 How does your Drug information centre help you?

✓ Apply and share new information.
✓ Provide information and assist in care
✓ Educate member of the general public
✓ Evaluate and disseminate information

Q. 8. What is the focus Area of Drug Information?

✓ Drug information specific to an individual patient or relative to a group of patients in the contexts of Prevention and Management of disease.

✓ Drug information needed for academic or research purposes.

Q.9. Who Can Use the Services of Drug Information Centre?

✓ Physicians and other specialty health care providers

✓ Medical students

✓ Pharmacists

✓ Nurses

✓ Other health care professionals and students

✓ Patients
Q.10. What is the Resources Available?

✓ Primary resources: Access to more than 50 Bio Medical Journals
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Q.11. Who Runs the Drug Information Centre?

Drug Information services is initiated by MVN UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES. A well qualified Drug information pharmacist who is also a faculty in the college of Pharmacy manages Drug information centre.

Q.12 Where it is Located?
It is located in the ground floor of the block No. 2 of Pharmacy Department

Q.13. Whom to Contact?
For Drug information queries, please contact:

Drug Information Pharmacist
MVN Drug Information Centre