

POLICY STATEMENT(S):

A hospital pharmacy manager must have in place:

1. Organization-specific policies and procedures to ensure patient safety and effectiveness of drug delivery systems, drug administration devices, products and services.
2. Organization-specific policies, procedures, training and certification as appropriate, to ensure safety and effectiveness of persons assuming responsibilities for the provision of drug delivery systems, drug administration devices, products and services.
3. A system to monitor and evaluate the safety and effectiveness of drug delivery systems, drug administration devices, products, personnel and services. Quality assurance checks should be conducted and documented.
4. A system to investigate unsafe practices in accordance with professional requirements. Practices resulting in actual or potential risks are to be stopped immediately.

BACKGROUND:

The intent of this policy is to provide direction for hospital pharmacy managers to minimize practice errors, omissions and unsafe practices in hospital pharmacy as it relates to drug delivery systems, drug administration devices, products and services.

Pharmacists bear a substantial responsibility for ensuring optimal clinical outcomes from drug therapy and should participate in organizational and clinical decisions with regard to drug distribution systems, drug administration systems, products and services.