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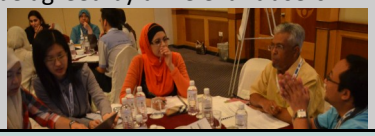
Report on Drug workshop 2012

On 22nd to 23rd of September 2012 Pharmacy Department of UKM Medical Centre in collaboration with the Drug and Therapeutics Committee organized its annual Drug Workshop at Palm Garden Hotel, IOI Resort, Putrajaya. The workshop was attended by 40 participants in total, comprising of all Clinical Head of Departments, Head of Units from Medical Department, Drug & Therapeutics Committee members.

The event was officiated by the newly appointed Head of Drug & Therapeutics Committee, Prof Dr. Syed Zulkifli Syed Zakaria. The Specialists were then divided into 2 groups to discuss on 2 imperative issues concerning the hospitals' policy on new drug submission and generic drug use . The first group were given the task to revamp the current new drug submission policy to a more evident-based and stringent policy. The second group were given the task to develop policies on generic drug use and generic drug purchasing. This is to ensure that patients' safety is not compromised when changing from branded to generic drug. The outcome of the meeting is as seen in the table below.

In a nutshell, the objectives of the workshop has been achieved with the development of the 2 new guidelines. However, we need full cooperation from all Specialists, Doctors and Pharmacists to work as a team to ensure the impact of the outcome from this meeting. It is hoped that this new guidelines will serve its purpose in helping the Drug and Therapeutics Committee approve the best and most cost-effective drugs for patients' best interest and outcome.

POLICY ON NEW DRUG SUBMISSION PROCEDURE	POLICIES ON GENERIC DRUG USE AND GENERIC DRUG PURCHASING
1. Improve Communication: For new drug submission: Submittor needs to discuss with other Specialists in same Unit to ensure all agree on the new drug submitted. Submittor needs to inform other units who may be interested In using the new drug. For add on submission: Submittor needs to discuss with other Specialists in same Unit to ensure all agrees with requests.	**Criteria for purchase of 'original' drugs :** • To supply original 2nd & 3rd line IV antibiotics to intensive care units • To buy original for drugs with narrow therapeutic window e.g Phenytoin sodium, sodium valproate • To use new generics only if it has been in the market and used by KKM hospitals and other private hospitals at least for 1-2 years. • Choose original drug if the price offered has been reduced ≥ 60%.
2. Improve Inter-Professional Review New Tier committee was created to allow inter-departmental review of drugs and to get multiple disciplines to comment on new drug. JKTU Chairman will select 3 different Specialists for each Tier review. For drugs proposed to be taken out from the Formulary, to be replaced by the new drug, it has to be agreed by all relevant users. This is done at Tier 1 level. 	**Review of Purchasing Procedure:** • Purchase same brand of generics for longer period of time to minimize variation in drug shape and color, so that the patient doesn't get confused. Preferably to buy white color tablets as coloring agents might cause allergic reactions to some patients if possible. • To purchase original drug if price proposed to be within 40% premium from generic price • To include the following criteria in the Tender Specifications: ie all generic products that participate in tender must be in the Malaysian market for at least 1-2 years and already being used by KKM hospitals or private hospitals.
3. Improve Evaluation A new scoring system for evaluation of the drug application: looking into level of evidence, grade of recommendation, cost effectiveness, how ' life saving' it is, experience from other centres. • If scoring < than 50% at Tier 1 level, application will be rejected & applicant may reapply after 6 months • If scoring > 50% at Tier 1 level , to proceed to Tier 2 i.e JKTU meeting. Dateline of submission : 2 months before JKTU meeting.	Priority will be given to those generics with local outcome studies. Bioequivalence Studies from reputable companies should be done. 

NEW WORK FLOW FOR APPLICATION OF NEW DRUGS/ADD ON TO THE DRUGS & THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE

Specialists to Contact Drug Information Pharmacist for relevant forms
(Forms will not be given to Drug Reps)

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Complete a) Check List and b) Proforma form
Submit to JKTU Secretariat at
Drug Information Centre, Ground Floor Pharmacy

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JKTU Chairman to appoint 3
Assessors to form 1st Tier Committee

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Secretariat to write to 1st Tier Committee and
Applicant informed

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1st Tier Committee to meet and fill up Scoring Sheet
(HUKM/JKIK/JFRM/B13)

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Submit back to Secretariat

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Score < 50%

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Return to Applicant and Inform Secretariat May Reapply after 6 months

Score > 50%

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Application will be discussed at JKTU meeting

NO MORE ON CALL PAGER!

- **Please do not page the on call pager anymore. There have been too many 'down times' with the pager, thus we have terminated it.**
- **From now, you may contact the Pharmacist On-Call via this number:**

019-666 4156

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Storage of IN-USE *Insulin Vials and Penfills* in Wards and Clinics

Novo Nordisk Human insulins (Actrapid, Mixtard, Insulatard) in-use ***should NOT be kept in a refrigerator. To be kept at room temperature (not above 30°C) for up to 6 weeks after first opening.***

Insulin is a peptide very labile to temperature. This means that slight changes in temperatures can lead to deterioration of potency of this peptide

Should you have further enquiry pertaining to the new drug submission process, kindly call Drug Information Centre, Pharmacy Department at ext 5401/5415 or email Michelle at hptan@ppukm.ukm.edu.my

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