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Policy Title:		Section / Department
POLICY ON ACCEPTANCE OF		PHARMACY SECTION
RETURNED/EXCHANGED DRUGS		
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CLASSIFICATION: SECTIONAL

OBJECTIVES:

Hospital pharmacy may accept returns/exchange of medicines purchased/charged for purposes of refund/bill adjustment.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

It shall be the responsibility of the Pharmacist to accept returns of medicines by the patient, relative or nurse of admitted patient for the purpose of replacement or refund/bill adjustment.

Requirements before accepting the returns:

- Only originally sealed and never been used drug products/ medicines shall be accepted when returned to the pharmacy.
 - a. No changes in its physical appearance
 - b. Loose tablets/capsules shall not be accepted
 - c. Products with cold chain management requirement shall not be accepted for return/exchange
- The official receipt must be presented/submitted.
- Justification letter from the prescriber indicating the reason for return must be attached. A photocopy of Death Certificate may be required as deemed necessary.

PROCEDURES IN RETURNED/EXCHANGED MEDICINES

Activity	Person/s Responsible
Returned/ Exchanged medicines	Patient/relative or nurse of admitted patient
Checks requirements before accepting the returned medicines	Pharmacist
 Prepares and forwards return slip to billing section for bill adjustment or cash section for refund. 	Pharmacist