

PRINCIPLES OF QUALITY USE OF MEDICINES (MPP 201T)

Scope:

This course is designed to impart basic knowledge and skills that are required to practice quality use of medicines (QUM) in different healthcare settings and also to promote quality use of medicines, in clinical practice, through evidence-based medicine approach.

Objectives:

Upon completion of this course it is expected that students shall be able to:

- ☐ Understand the principles of quality use of medicines
- ☐ Know the benefits and risks associated with use of medicines
- ☐ Understand regulatory aspects of quality use of medicines
- ☐ Identify and resolve medication related problems
- ☐ Promote quality use of medicines
- ☐ Practice evidence-based medicines

THEORY

60 Hrs

1. Introduction to Quality use of medicines (QUM): Definition and Principles of QUM, Key partners and responsibilities of the partners, Building blocks in QMC, Evaluation process in QMC, Communication in QUM, Cost effective prescribing. 12 Hrs
- 2 Concepts in QUM 12 Hrs
Evidence based medicine: Definition, concept of evidence based medicine, Approach and practice of evidence based medicine in clinical settings
Essential drugs: Definition, need, concept of essential drug, National essential drug policy and list
Rational drug use: Definition, concept and need for rational drug use, Rational drug prescribing, Role of pharmacist in rational drug use.
- 3 QUM in various settings: Hospital settings, Ambulatory care/Residential care, Role of health care professionals in promoting the QUM, Strategies to promote the QUM, Impact of QUM on E-health, integrative medicine and multidisciplinary care. QUM in special population: Pediatric prescribing, Geriatric prescribing, Prescribing in pregnancy and lactation, Prescribing in immune compromised and organ failure patients. 12 Hrs

- 4 Regulatory aspects of QUM in India: Regulation including scheduling, Regulation of complementary medicines, Regulation of OTC medicines, Professional responsibility of pharmacist, Role of industry in QUM in medicine development. 12 Hrs
- 5 Medication errors: Definition, categorization and causes of medication errors, Detection and prevention of medication errors, Role of pharmacist in monitoring and management of medication errors 12 Hrs
 Pharmacovigilance: Definition, aims and need for pharmacovigilance, Types, predisposing factors and mechanism of adverse drug reactions (ADRs), Detection, reporting and monitoring of ADRs, Causality assessment of ADRs, Management of ADRs, Role of pharmacist in pharmacovigilance.

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7. Relevant review articles from recent medical and pharmaceutical literature.

PHARMACOTHERAPEUTICS II (MPP 202T)

Scope

This course aims to enable the students to understand the different treatment approaches in managing various disease conditions. Also, it imparts knowledge and skills in optimizing drug therapy of a patient by individualizing the treatment plan through evidence-based medicines.

Objectives

Upon completion of this course it is expected that students shall be able to:

- Describe and explain the rationale for drug therapy
- Summarize the therapeutic approach for management of various disease conditions including reference to the latest available evidence
- Discuss the clinical controversies in drug therapy and evidence based medicine
- Prepare individualized therapeutic plans based on diagnosis
- Identify the patient specific parameters relevant in initiating drug therapy, and monitoring therapy (including alternatives, time- course of clinical and laboratory indices of therapeutic response and adverse effect/s)

THEORY

60 Hrs

1. Nervous system: Epilepsy, Parkinson's disease, Stroke, Headache, Alzheimer's disease, Neuralgias and Pain pathways and Pain management. 12 Hrs
2. Psychiatric disorders: Schizophrenia, Depression, Anxiety disorders, Sleep disorders, Drug induced psychiatric disorders 12 Hrs
Renal system: Acute renal failure, Chronic renal failure, Renal dialysis, Drug induced renal disease
3. Infectious diseases: General guidelines for the rational use of antibiotics and surgical prophylaxis, Urinary tract infections, Respiratory tract infections, Gastroenteritis, Tuberculosis, Malaria, Bacterial endocarditis, Septicemia. 12 Hrs
4. Infectious diseases: Meningitis, HIV and opportunistic infections, Rheumatic fever, Dengue fever, H1N1, Helmenthiasis, Fungal infections 12 Hrs
Gynecological disorders: Dysmenorrhea, Hormone replacement therapy.

- 5 Oncology: General principles of cancer chemotherapy, 12 pharmacotherapy of breast cancer, lung cancer, head & neck Hrs cancer, hematological malignancies, Management of nausea and vomiting, Palliative care

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9. Relevant review articles from recent medical and pharmaceutical literature

CLINICAL PHARMACOKINETICS AND THERAPEUTIC DRUG MONITORING (MPP 203T)

Scope

This course is designed to enable students to understand the basic principles and applications of pharmacokinetics in designing the individualized dosage regimen, to interpret the plasma drug concentration profile in altered pharmacokinetics, drug interactions and in therapeutic drug monitoring processes to optimize the drug dosage regimen. Also, it enables students to understand the basic concepts of pharmacogenetics, pharmacometrics for modeling and simulation of pharmacokinetic data.

Objectives

Upon completion of this course it is expected that students shall be able to:

- Design the drug dosage regimen for individual patients
- Interpret and correlate the plasma drug concentrations with patients' therapeutic outcomes
- Recommend dosage adjustment for patients with renal/ hepatic impairment
- Recommend dosage adjustment for paediatrics and geriatrics
- Manage pharmacokinetic drug interactions
- Apply pharmacokinetic parameters in clinical settings
- Interpret the impact of genetic polymorphisms of individuals on pharmacokinetics and or pharmacodynamics of drugs
- Do pharmacokinetic modeling for the given data using the principles of pharmacometrics

THEORY

60 Hrs

1. Introduction to Clinical pharmacokinetics: Compartmental and Non compartmental models, Renal and non-renal clearance, Organ extraction and models of hepatic clearance, Estimation and determinants of bioavailability, Multiple dosing, Calculation of loading and maintenance doses
Designing of dosage regimens: Determination of dose and dosing intervals, Conversion from intravenous to oral dosing, Nomograms and Tabulations in designing dosage regimen. 12 Hrs

- 2 Pharmacokinetics of Drug Interaction: Pharmacokinetic drug interactions, Inhibition and Induction of Drug metabolism, Inhibition of Biliary Excretion
Pharmacogenetics: Genetic polymorphism in Drug metabolism: Cytochrome P-450 Isoenzymes, Genetic Polymorphism in Drug Transport and Drug Targets, Pharmacogenetics and Pharmacokinetic / Pharmacodynamic considerations
Introduction to Pharmacometrics: Introduction to Bayesian Theory, Adaptive method or Dosing with feedback, Analysis of Population pharmacokinetic Data. 12 Hrs
- 3 Non Linier Mixed Effects Modelling: The Structural or Base Model, Modeling Random Effects, Modeling Covariate Relationships, Mixture Model, Estimation Methods, Model Building Techniques, Covariate Screening Methods, Testing the model assumptions, Precision of the parameter estimates and confidence intervals, Model misspecification and violation of the model assumptions, Model Validation, Simulation of dosing regimens and dosing recommendations, Pharmacometrics software. 12 Hrs
- 4 Altered Pharmacokinetics: Drug dosing in the elderly, Drug dosing in the paediatrics, Drug dosing in the obese patients, Drug dosing in the pregnancy and lactation, Drug dosing in the renal failure and extracorporeal removal of drugs, Drug dosing in the hepatic failure. 12 Hrs
- 5 Therapeutic Drug monitoring: Introduction, Individualization of drug dosage regimen (Variability – Genetic, age, weight, disease and Interacting drugs), Indications for TDM, Protocol for TDM, Pharmacokinetic/Pharmacodynamic Correlation in drug therapy, TDM of drugs used in the following conditions: Cardiovascular disease: Digoxin, Lidocaine, Amiodarone; Seizure disorders: Phenytoin, Carbamazepine, Sodium Valproate; Psychiatric conditions: Lithium, Fluoxetine, Amitriptyline; Organ transplantations: Cyclosporine; Cytotoxic Agents: Methotrexate, 5-FU, Cisplatin; Antibiotics: Vancomycin, Gentamicin, Meropenem. 12 Hrs

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13. Relevant review articles from recent medical and pharmaceutical literature

PHARMACOEPIDEMIOLOGY & PHARMACOECONOMICS (MPP 204T)

Scope

This course enables students to understand various pharmacoepidemiological methods and their clinical applications. Also, it aims to impart knowledge on basic concepts, assumptions, terminology, and methods associated with Pharmacoeconomics and health related outcomes, and when should be appropriate Pharmacoeconomic model should be applied for a health care regimen.

Objectives

Upon completion of this course it is expected that students shall be able to:

- Understand the various epidemiological methods and their applications
- Understand the fundamental principles of Pharmacoeconomics.
- Identify and determine relevant cost and consequences associated with pharmacy products and services.
- Perform the key Pharmacoeconomics analysis methods
- Understand the Pharmacoeconomic decision analysis methods and its applications.
- Describe current Pharmacoeconomic methods and issues.
- Understand the applications of Pharmacoeconomics to various pharmacy settings.

THEORY

60 Hrs

1. Introduction to Pharmacoepidemiology: Definition, Scope, Need, Aims & Applications; Outcome measurement: Outcome measures, Drug use measures: Monetary units, Number of prescriptions, units of drug dispensed, defined daily doses, prescribed daily doses, Diagnosis and Therapy surveys, Prevalence, Incidence rate, Monetary units, number of prescriptions, unit of drugs dispensed, defined daily doses and prescribed daily doses, medications adherence measurements. Concept of risk: Measurement of risk, Attributable risk and relative risk, Time- risk relationship and odds ratio 12 Hrs
2. Pharmacoepidemiological Methods: Qualitative models: Drug Utilization Review; Quantitative models: case reports, case series, Cross sectional studies, Cohort and case control studies, Calculation of Odds' ratio, Meta analysis models, Drug effects study in populations: Spontaneous reporting, Prescription event 12 Hrs

monitoring, Post marketing surveillance, Record linkage systems,
Applications of Pharmacoepidemiology

- 3 Introduction to Pharmacoeconomics: Definition, history of 12
Pharmacoeconomics, Need of Pharmacoeconomic studies in Hrs
Indian healthcare system.
Cost categorization and resources for cost estimation: Direct
costs. Indirect costs. Intangible costs.
Outcomes and Measurements of Pharmacoeconomics: Types
of outcomes: Clinical outcome, Economic outcomes, Humanistic
outcomes; Quality Adjusted Life Years, Disability Adjusted Life
Years Incremental Cost Effective Ratio, Average Cost Effective
Ratio. Person Time, Willingness To Pay, Time Trade Off and
Discounting.
- 4 Pharmacoeconomic evaluations: Definition, Steps involved, 12
Applications, Advantages and disadvantages of the following Hrs
Pharmacoeconomic models: Cost Minimization Analysis (CMA),
Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA), Cost Effective Analysis (CEA), Cost
Utility Analysis (CUA), Cost of Illness (COI), Cost Consequences
Analysis (COA).
- 5 Definition, Steps involved, Applications, Advantages and 12
disadvantages of the following: Hrs
Health related quality of life (HRQOL): Definition, Need for
measurement of HRQOL, Common HRQOL measures.
Definition, Steps involved, Applications of the following:
Decision Analysis and Decision tree, Sensitivity analysis, Markov
Modeling, Software used in pharmacoeconomic analysis,
Applications of Pharmacoeconomics.

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PHARMACY PRACTICE PRACTICAL - II (MPP 205P)

Pharmacy Practice practical component includes experiments covering important topics of the courses Principles of Quality Use of Medicines, Pharmacotherapeutics-II, Clinical Pharmacokinetics & Therapeutic Drug Monitoring and Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoeconomics.

List of Experiments (24)

1. Causality assessment of adverse drug reactions (three)
2. Detection and management of medication errors (three)
3. Rational use of medicines in special population (three)
4. Presentation of clinical cases of various disease conditions adopting Pharmaceutical Care Plan Model (eight)
5. Calculation of Bioavailability and Bioequivalence from the given data (two)
6. Interpretation of Therapeutic Drug Monitoring reports of a given patient (three)
7. Calculation of various Pharmacoeconomic outcome analysis for the given data (two)