

Clinical Skills for Pharmaceutical Care

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The profession is moving toward a model that attempts to integrate patient-centered care with drug distribution services. The term *clinical pharmacy* historically described patient-oriented rather than product-oriented pharmacy practice. And the term *pharmaceutical care* is used to describe the broad-based, patient-focused responsibilities of pharmacists. *Pharmaceutical Care* is a patient-centered, outcomes oriented pharmacy practice that requires the pharmacist to work in concert with the patient and the patient's other health care providers to promote health, to prevent disease, and to assess, monitor, initiate, and modify medication use. The goal of *pharmaceutical care* is to optimize the patient's health-related quality of life, and achieve positive clinical outcomes, within realistic economic expenditures. The Functions of pharmaceutical care is 1) a professional relationship must be established and maintained, 2) patient-specific medical information must be collected, organized, recorded, and maintained, 3) patient-specific medical information must be evaluated and a drug therapy plan developed mutually with the patient, 3) the pharmacist assures that the patient has all supplies, information and knowledge necessary to carry out the drug therapy plan and 4) the pharmacist reviews, monitors, and modifies the therapeutic plan as necessary and appropriate, in concert with the patient and healthcare team. Pharmaceutical care involves the pharmacist assuming PHARMASIST'S PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY for drug therapy outcomes in addition to the safe, accurate, and efficient distribution of pharmaceutical products. Pharmacists are crucial in the selection of safe and effective prescription and nonprescription products for patients. Pharmacists remain the most easily accessible health care professional. In this symposium, we will discuss "Clinical Skills for Pharmaceutical Care". The objective of this symposium is that understand the clinical skills in the provision of pharmaceutical care.