STORAGE OF MEDICATION



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Introduction

- The drugs are stocked in containers, such as boxes and on flexible racks and shelves etc.,
- Must ensure that drugs which are stored remain preserved during their storage
- Drugs are to be stored as per the prescribed conditions of their storage
- Drugs stored in a drug store be arranged in such a way that they are easily traceable as and when required
- According to pharmacological action and alphabetically

Standards

NABH Guide	CAHO training manual
Objective element	Intent
Interpretation	Requirement, implementation guidelines
	Evidences

Drug Storage

- Proper drug storage
- Storage Environment
- Arrangement of drug on shelves
- The Storeroom
- The dispensary



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Temperature

- In a deep freeze: (-15 degree Celsius)
- In a refrigerator: 2 8 degree Celsius
- Cold or cool: 8 15 degree Celsius
- Room temperature: 15 25 degree Celsius

Storage Premises

- The storage area must be free from unsanitary conditions
- The floor of warehouse should be made of hard floor and must be in a good state of repair and appearance at all times
- The floor are kept clean and free of trash, dirt, drain water
- Secured area availability for damaged, rejected and expired goods
- Ensure adequate pest control program in place and shall be carried out at a minimum frequency of a year

The dispensary

- Clean after each use tablet counters and place within easy reach on the table
- Avoid dispensing wrong drugs
- Always close drug containers from which drugs are not being dispensed to prevent spillage

Storage of Controlled Drugs

- Kept in a locked cabinet or cupboard
- Keys to the cabinet must be in the possession of an authorised person.



Emergency Medicine

- Replenishment
- Re-order level
- No stock outs allowed
- Crash cart
- Drawers- defined
- No mix up
- Lock state
- Double check
- Uniform manner

Look alike – Sound alike drugs

- Store separately
- Train staff
- Formulary
- Revise periodically





Sound inventory control practice

- ABC
- VED
- FNS
- FIFO
- Emergency Re-order
- Physician samples

Clean, Safe and Secure Environment

- Manufacturer's recommendations
- Stock taking
- Theft
- Pilferage
- Loss

Thank you!