GOOD PHARMACY PRACTICE IN SOUTH AFRICA
Good Pharmacy Practice in South Africa

Wisdom comes from God, knowledge comes from learning but:

Tomorrow remains a mystery, yesterday is history and
whatever we have discovered today is a gift.
Reading makes a man, learning makes a difference.

Let us help each other to fight the image of pharmarcy.

Contribute to the improvement thereof, must be sent to Council.
Communique or any other constructive criticism of this document here will be
port for improvement.

According to the public, it is imperative to improve the document and input private sector alike, Council theright measures with other the GP standards is to ensure that all practitioners are measured. The aim of Council has developed the Good Pharmacy Practice Standards. The aim of Council is to ensure quality pharmaceutical services for the people in South Africa.

In keeping with the vision of the South African Pharmacy Council, which is
Dear Members and Stakeholders,

We are pleased to present the 2020 Annual Report of the National Pharmacy Council. This report provides an overview of the performance of the Council during the year, highlighting our achievements and outlining our plans for the future.

The Council's primary focus remains on improving access to quality pharmaceutical care. We are committed to ensuring that all South Africans have access to affordable and effective medicines. To this end, we have worked tirelessly to develop and implement policies and programmes that promote the rational use of medicines and enhance patient safety.

We would like to thank our dedicated Board of Directors, our staff, and all our stakeholders for their continued support and commitment. Your support is crucial in enabling us to achieve our objectives.

We look forward to another year of growth and development, and we remain committed to serving the people of South Africa.

The National Pharmacy Council

Acknowledgements

Message from the SAPC

The Council is committed to ensuring that all South Africans have access to quality pharmaceutical care. We will continue to work towards this goal, and we welcome your feedback and suggestions for improving our services.
EQUIPMENT

MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR PHARMACY PREMISES, FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR PREMISES

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

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Abbreviations
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**Minimum Standards for the Performance of AHF Tests**

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Avoid rubbing your face, eyes, nose or mouth with your hands, and try not to touch your body with your hands, if possible.

When performing any other procedures, make sure to wash your hands before and after each procedure.

When changing gloves, always wash your hands before putting on new gloves.

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Wear gloves in the following situations:

- When performing any other procedures.
- When removing gloves.
- When changing gloves.

Recommendations for unusual procedures are as follows:

- Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose or mouth with your hands.
- Try not to touch your body with your hands.
- Always wash your hands before and after each procedure.

The person exercising the test must be aware of the nature of the test in order to perform it accurately.

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WHAT IS INFORMED CONSENT?

Informed consent is essential in the context of HIV testing.

Where does informed consent apply in the context of HIV testing?

Informed consent is required in all circumstances.

The test is conducted in an informed process and
the patient is advised of the implications of a positive test.

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Post-test Consulting

In our pharmacy, we provide post-test counseling to patients who have undergone HIV testing. This service is important for several reasons:

1. **Pre-test Counseling:**
   - The definition of HIV and AIDS.
   - Ensuring confidentiality.

2. **Post-test Counseling:**
   - The result must be discussed with the patient.
   - It is critical to establish a trusting relationship with the patient.
   - Confidentiality must be maintained, ensuring that the patient's results remain confidential.
   - Counseling may be provided to patients even after the test result is known.
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   - It is essential to discuss the implications of the result with the patient, including emotional support where necessary.
   - HIV testing needs to be done without prior consent.

Patient Feedback

The feedback may vary, suggesting a positive response to the counseling. However, some patients may require further counseling. It is crucial to ensure that all patients receive the necessary support and information.
The following must be considered:

- If a patient has a history of drug abuse, consider the possibility of drug use or abuse.

Collecting and sending blood samples for laboratory testing:

- The patient must provide a written consent for the procedure.
- The specimen should be collected in an approved sterile container.
- The specimen should be labeled with patient information.
- The specimen should be sent to the laboratory promptly.

Document and record keeping:

- A record of the laboratory test(s) performed and the results obtained should be maintained.
- If the test results are abnormal, a written order for the appropriate follow-up care should be documented.

Additional recommendations:

- If the test is positive, follow the laboratory's recommended procedures for follow-up care.
- If the test is negative, continue to monitor the patient for any changes in symptoms.
- Follow-up laboratory tests may be necessary to confirm the results.
213.9' Training

It is preferable that the medical person should tell the patient...

Patient's mutual involvement and professional relationship. A patient can be part...

It is necessary that the patient should feel...
MONITORING SERVICE

2.13.6 Minimum Standards for Cholesterol

- The cholesterol level in the patient's blood should be determined at least once every 6 months.
- The cholesterol level should be kept below 200 mg/dL.
- The patient should be informed of the importance of maintaining a healthy diet and lifestyle.
- The results of the cholesterol test should be communicated to the patient and their healthcare provider.

2.13.7 Advertising the Service

- The service should be advertised in a community pharmacy.
- The following standards must be applied when advertising the service:
  - The service must be advertised in a clear and concise manner.
  - The service must be advertised in a manner that is in keeping with the community's cultural norms.
  - The service must be advertised in a manner that is in keeping with the community's ethical standards.
  - The service must be advertised in a manner that is in keeping with the community's legal requirements.

2.13.8 Reporting of Adverse Events

- Adverse events must be reported to the appropriate authorities.
- The pharmacist must maintain records of all adverse events.
- The pharmacist must keep the records for a minimum of 5 years.
- The pharmacist must report any adverse events to the relevant regulatory body.