

# DRUG STORE MANAGEMENT AND INVENTORY CONTROL

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## INTRODUCTION

### ❑ DRUG STORE

- A drug Store/**Pharmacy/Community Pharmacy/chemist's** is a retail shop which provides **prescription drugs**, among other products.
- At the **drug store**, a **pharmacist oversees** the **fulfillment** of **medical prescriptions** and is available to give advice on their offerings of **over the-counter drugs**.
- A **typical pharmacy** would be in the **commercial area** of a **community**.
- **Every hospital** should have a **medical store** for the purpose of **procuring, stocking** and **distributing the drugs** and medicines to various departments



### ORGANISATION OF DRUG STORE

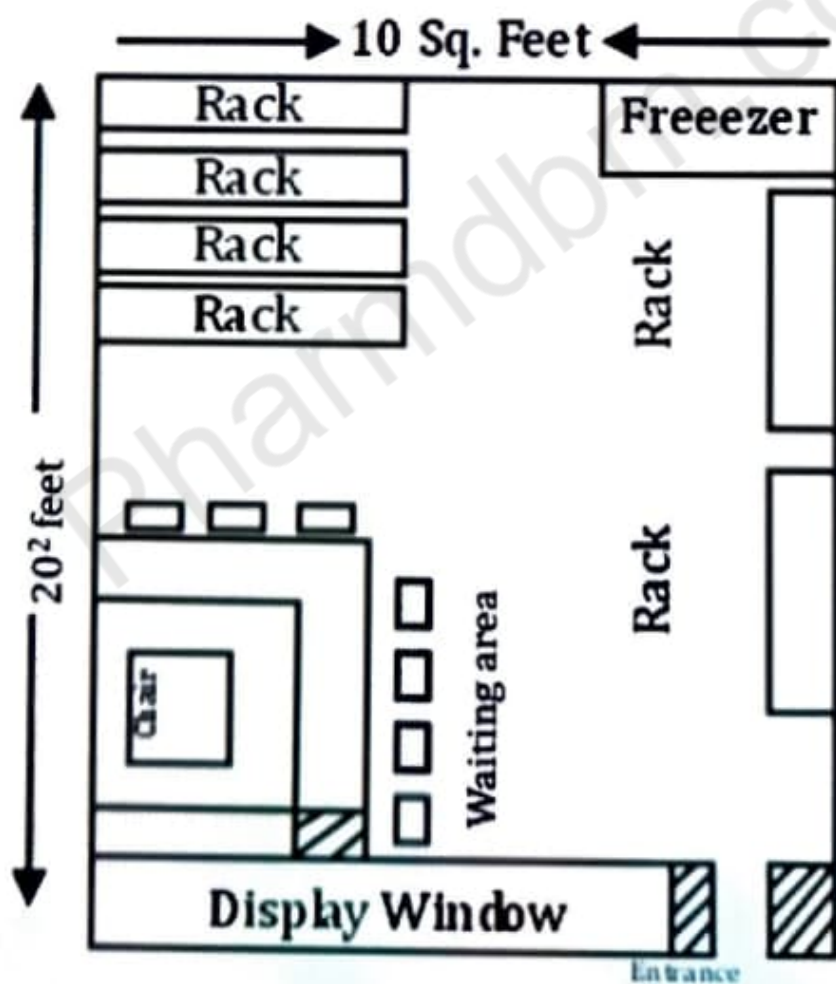
- Stores are defined as a **sub - organisation** in any **hospitals** where materials obtained are **held in abeyance** till **inspected, approved and stocked**.
- A store should have a **standard specification** of **materials** and since the **store procured** the **drugs on behalf** of the department for **regular flow** of material, the **condition of storage** should be proper.

### ❑ OBJECTIVE OF DRUG STORE

- To stock **all drugs** and **accessories required** in the **hospital**.
- To **procure drugs** from **different sources**.
- To **supply drugs** to the **consuming departments**.
- To **store drugs** required in research work.
- To **preserve records** of receipt and issue of drugs.
- To **maintain records** of receipt and **issue of drugs**.
- To carry out **all operations** regarding drugs economically to **save**

## □ GOOD LAYOUT DESIGN

- **Proper ventilation**
- It must be located on the **ground floor, close to pharmacy** It must have 2 entries, one for receiving and other for **issuing of materials**.
- **Proper illumination**
- **Walls & roof** should be **painted with washable paint**
- Sufficient no. of **wooden or steel** racks should be provided
- **Movement of men & material** should be minimized thus **saving time, cost**
- **Fast moving items** should kept near the counter while **slow moving items** are kept at **back of shelves**.
- **Bulky items** should store at the bottom of shelf **Surgical instruments** should store in **separate racks**
- **Cash counter ,wrapping counter** should be located near entrance



**Whole sale drug store design**

## TYPES OF MATERIALS STOCKED

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- Sufficient number of racks should be provided
- Fire extinguishers should be provided at strategic points along with fire buckets
- Material stocked are
  - Capsules, tablets, liquid dosage form and injections
  - Biological and antibiotics should store in refrigerator
  - Schedule X drugs, Narcotic and psychotropic substances should store under lock and key
  - Poisons are stored in separate rack, labeled as POISON
  - Stock of Alcohol and alcohol containing preparation should maintain in register
  - Large bulk items should be on bottom

## STORAGE CONDITION

### ❑ COLD STORAGE (2°-8 °C)

#### ❖ List A

- Sera, vaccine, Whole human blood, plasma, concentrated RBC, thrombin, inj. preparation, oxytocin inj., vasopressin inj., snake antidotes etc.

### ❑ COOL TEMP (8°-25°C)

#### ❖ List B

- Antibiotics, blood preparations (dried plasma, fibrinogens, thrombin),
- Hormone preparation (corticotropins, oxytocin tablets),
- Vitamin preparations (Vit A, B1, B2, B6, C, D, B complex, k), dextran inj, dextrose inj, halothane ergot liquid extract

### ❑ ROOM TEMP (25 °-30°C)

- Tablet, capsule, antibiotics,

### ❑ WARM TEMP (30°-40°C) multi- vitamine injection

### ❑ EXCESSIVE HEAT (ABOVE 40°C)

# PURCHASE

## ❑ PRINCIPLE

- The basic **purpose of purchases** is to ensure **continuous flow** of **raw materials** of **right quality, right quantity, right price** and from **right sources**.
- Another **objective of purchasing** is the **avoidance of duplication** and wastage with respect to various items purchased.
- Some important terms **explained below**.

### 1. RIGHT QUALITY

- **Right quality** means the quality which is **available according** to the **particulars mentioned** in terms of **grades, brands or trade name, physico-chemical characteristics**, etc.

### 2. RIGHT QUANTITY

- **Right quantity** is an **important parameter** of purchasing for **continuous supply** of **raw materials**. "**Economic order Quantity**" or any **other technique** may be followed in order to **avoid shortage**.

### 3. RIGHT PRICE

- The term **right price** means **consistant matching** with the **quality of drug**.
- Generally tender system is **followed in hospitals** and the **lowest bidder** is chosen for **supplying the order**.

### 4. RIGHT SOURCE

- The supplier should be **dependable** and **capable of supplying** as per **requirements** from time to time.
- The **selection of supplier requires** consideration of **various factors**.

### 5. RIGHT TIME

- **Purchased department** should have lead time information for all products. **Lead time** is the total time period between the **placing of order** and **receipt of material** while doing purchases.

## PURCHASE PROCEDURE

- **Purchase procedure** involves **different steps** for procurement of goods.
- They are as under:

### **1. DETERMINATION OF REQUIREMENT**

- The **materials** to be purchased for **particular period** are well planned for the **purpose** of their **regular and continuous** use.
- **Purchase requisition** is generally prepared by **departmental heads** and **provides information** mentioned below.
  - i. **Type of material to be purchased,**
  - ii. **Time of requirement,**
  - iii. **Quantity to be purchased,**

### **2. SOURCE OF SUPPLY**

- The pharmacy and therapeutic committee sets adequate standards for the **purchase of quality drugs**.
- Procurement of stores is generally done by following sources
  - i. **Medical store depot**
  - ii. **Directorate general supplies** and disposals
  - iii. Direct from **whole sellers and manufacturers**
  - iv. By **inviting tenders**
  - v. **Emergency purchases** from **local market**

#### **(i) MEDICAL STORE DEPOT (MSD)**

- This **organisation** has **six medical store** depot at **Mumbai, Chennai, Calcutta, Karnal, Hyderabad, Guwahati**.
- The **items purchased** by these **organisations** are subjected to various in **house tests** at the **testing units** in Chennai and Mumbai.
- It runs on **no-profit and no-loss basis**.

#### **(ii) DIRECTORATE GENERAL SUPPLIES AND DISPOSALS (DGS & D)**

- **DGS&D calls** for **tender and places** the order.
- The payment is made only after the **verification of inspection** report by the **indenter** on the **prescribed performa**.

### (III) DIRECT PURCHASE FROM WHOLESSELLERS OR MANUFACTURER

- **Direct purchases** from **wholesellers** , **manufacturers** are done following a proper **purchase procedure**.
- **Materials** are then **received and stocked** at their relevant places under proper **storage conditions**.

### (IV) BY INVITING TENDERS

- **Tenders are invited** from **various supplier** and generally **the lowest bidder** is chosen for **supplying the order**.
- However **price and quality** both are considered as well.

### (V) EMERGENCY DRUGS FROM LOCAL MARKET

- Items **not available** at **MSD, DGS & D** and any **emergency drug** which is **out of stock** can be **immediately purchased** from local market.
- For this **purchase** from is **prepared in duplicate**, one copy is sent to the **department** and other **copy is retained** in the pharmacy.
- This **avoids the department** concerned to re order the same item.

## 3. PURCHASE ORDER

- After **selecting the supplier**, the **chief pharmacist** or any other **suitable authority** prepares a **purchase order** giving detailed **description, specification, packaging, price** and quantity needed etc. of the items.
- This **purchase order** is in **written form** and it is the **evidence of contract** between the **buyer and the supplier**.
- **Number of purchase** order copies varies from **hospitals to hospital**
  - (a) The **original copy** is sent to the **supplier**.
  - (b) One copy for **accounts section**.
  - (c) One copy for **purchase department**.
  - (d) One copy for the **department**.
  - (e) Fifth and **Sixth copy** for concerned **receiving department**.
  - (f) Seventh copy as **history copy**

#### **4. RECEIPT OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

- After placing the **order to supplier** by **sending a copy** of purchase order, the supplier in turn sends **acknowledgement** of the **order saying** that he will be able to **supply the goods** with the terms and conditions which are mentioned in the **purchase order**.

#### **5. RECEIPT OF DRUGS**

- On **receipt of drugs**, there should be a system in the **stores whereby** the **supply of drugs** received in the **medical stores** from the manufacturer are **properly checked** by person specially assigned for this **purpose**.
- **Preferably** the same person is **responsible for reviewing** the stocks, **date of expiry, description, quantity, batch number**, as mentioned in the order form.
- **Random sampling** can be done to make sure that **products confirm** to the **tendered specifications** like date of **expiry and visible sign of deterioration**, such as **change of colour, caking etc.**
- If any such **deterioration** is observed the matter should be reported to **medical superintendent** and **local drug inspector**.

#### **6. DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS TO WARDS**

- **Drugs should** be supplied in the **original packing** of **manufacturers**.
- However if it is **not possible** to do so, then that should be supplied in **clean containers** so that the integrity and **original properties** can be preserved.
- **Name and quantity** of the drug should be **properly labelled**.



**PURCHASE REQUEST FORM**

All India Institute of Medical Sciences(AIIMS), Bhubaneswar

Ref.-----

Date.-----

Code no.-----

Charge no.-----

Purchase order no.-----

Date of supply-----

Suggested Venders:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

No	Description of Items required, Specification/ Prepacking	Price per unit	Units Required	Total Price	Quantity in Hand Required

Requested by -----

Approved By-----

**All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bhubaneswar**

To M/s-----Purchase Order No.----- (Quote this No. on all package )

Date-----

Our Ref. No.-----

Account Code no.-----

Name of Account----- Date-----

Item no.	Specifications/Packing	Price per Unit	Quantity	Net amount(paid)

## INVENTORY CONTROL

- **Drug store management** is based on principles of **inventory control**.
- **Mismanagement of stores** and **non-applicability** of **Scientific and Modern techniques** has been identified as the root cause of **material storage** in majority of hospitals.

### OBJECTIVE OF INVENTORY CONTROL

1. To **supply drug in time**.
2. To **reduce investment** in inventories and **made effective** use of **capital investment**.
3. **Efforts** are made to procure goods at **minimum price** without **bargaining the quality**.
4. To **avoid stock out** and **shortage**.
5. **Wastage** are avoided

## METHODS USED FOR THE ANALYSIS OF THE DRUG EXPENDITURE

- (i) ABC analysis
- (ii) VED analysis
- (iii) EOQ
- (iv) Lead time
- (v) Buffer stock

### (i) ABC ANALYSIS

- This **technique divides** inventory into **three categories A , B and C** based on **cost of material** and **annual consumption** value.
  - ✓ **A item 10%** of total items which have the **highest rupee percentages**. require proper **storage and handling**, **over stocking** should be avoided
  - ✓ **B item - 20%** of all items with the next **highest rupee percentages**.
  - ✓ **C item - 70%** of all item with the **lowest rupee percentages**.

### ✓ Advantages

- Gives rewarding results quickly
- Helps to point out **obsolete stocks easily**
- In case of **A items careful attention** can be paid at every step such as **estimate of requirements** , **purchase** , **safety stock** , **receipts** , **inspections** , issues, etc and close control is maintained
- Helps **better planning** of **inventory control**
- Provides sound basis for allocation of **funds and human resources**.

### ✓ Disadvantages

- **Proper standardization** and codification of **inventory control** items needed
- Considers only **money value** of items and **neglects the importance** of items for the **production process** or assembly or functioning.

## 2. VED (VITAL, ESSENTIAL AND DESIRABLE) ANALYSIS

- It is based on **utility of material**, **importance of item** and its effect on the **functioning and efficiency** of a hospital

### ✓ Vital items

- Its shortage may cause **havoc & stop** the work in **hospital/ward/patient care**.
- They are **stocked adequately** to ensure **smooth operation**.

### ✓ Essential items

- Here, **reasonable risk** can be taken. If not available, the work does not stop; but the **efficiency of functions** in **hospital/ward/patient care** is **adversely affected** due to **expediting expenses**.
- They should be **sufficiently stocked** to ensure **regular flow of work**

### ✓ Desirable items

- Its **non availability** does not stop the work because they can be **easily purchased** from the **market as & when needed**.
- They may be **stocked very low** or not stocked.

### 3. ECONOMIC ORDER QUANTITY

- **Economic order quantity** or fixed order quantity system is the technique of **ordering materials** whenever **stock reaches** the **reorder point**.
- It includes **ordering cost** and **carrying cost**.
- **Ordering cost** – It is the **cost of ordering** the **item and securing** its supply
- It **includes expenses** from raising the **indent**, **purchase requisition** by user department till the **execution of order**, **receipt and inspection** of material.
- **Inventory carrying costs**
- **Costs incurred** for holding the **volume of inventory**, **insurance cost**, storage and **handling cost**
- Can be calculate by **tabular method**.

### 4. LEAD TIME

- The lead time is the sum of the **supply delay** and the **reordering delay**.
- The lead time is the **applicable duration** to calculate the **lead demand**, the **safety stock** or the **reorder point** through a **direct quantile forecast**.
- The longer the **lead time**, the higher the **total inventory level** or the larger is the **safety stock**, resulting in **excess** of investment in **inventories**.
- As far as **possible efforts** should be made to decrease the lead time for **effective inventory control**.

## 5. BUFFER STOCK

- **Buffer stock** is used in **emergency to meet** the **unforeseen demands**, in other words it refers to **minimum quantity** of a particular item which must be kept in the **stores of all time**.
- Buffer stocks can be **calculated using** the following formula
- **Buffer stocks = (Maximum consumption rate / day average-consumption rate / day) X lead time**
- Buffer stocks needs **following factors** to be taken into consideration like;
  - (i) **Lead time**
  - (ii) **Nature of item and rate of consumption**
  - (iii) **Availability of substitutes**
  - (iv) **Re-order level**
  - (v) **Stock out cost**



### **REORDER QUANTITY LEVEL**

- It is based on the **average time** taken by the **supplier for replenishment**, **maximum usage** of the item during the **replenishment time**, and **safety stock requirement**.
- It is also known as **reorder point**.
- **Reorder level** is the **stock level** of a **particular item of inventory**, at which a firm needs to **place an order** for the **fresh supply** or **replenishment of the item**.
- It gives a **signal regarding** when to place a new order for the **fresh supply** of an **inventory item**.
- Whereas the **external factor involved** in **reorder level** is lead time taken by the **supplier**.
- The **main risk factor** in **reorder level** is being **out of stock** and some **other risk factors** are **disruption in production** and foregone sales.
- The following formula is used for **estimation of reorder level**
- **Reorder level = (Average daily usage rate x Average lead time in days) + Safety level.**

# INVESTIGATIONAL USE OF DRUGS

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PRINCIPLE

CLASSIFICATION

CONTROL

ROLE OF HOSPITAL PHARMACIST

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## INTRODUCTION

- Any **drug or placebo** which is being **tested or used** as a reference in a **clinical trial**, including a **registered drug** used in a **different formulation**, or used for an **unapproved indication**, or used in doses outside the **approved range** is called as **investigational drugs**.
- **Hospitals** and other **healthcare agencies** are the **major centers** for **clinical studies** with **investigational drugs** and **pharmacists** in these institutions should be involved with **policies and procedures** for the safe and **ethical use of these drugs**



## PRINCIPLE

- By **definition** these are drugs which have not yet been released by the Federal Food and Drug Administration for **general use**.
- Since **investigational drugs** have not been **certified as being** for **general use** and have not been cleared for **sale in interstate** commerce by the Federal **Food and Drug Administration**, **hospitals** and their **medical staffs** have an **obligation** to their patients to see that proper procedures for their **use are established**.
- **Procedures** for the **control of investigational drugs** should be based upon the following principles.
  1. **Investigational drugs** should be used only under the **direct supervision** of the **principal investigator** who should be a member of the **medical staff** and who should assume the **burden of securing** the **necessary consent**.
  2. The **hospital should** do all in its **power to foster** research consistent with **adequate safeguard** for the **patient**.

3. When **nurses** are **called upon** to **administer investigational drugs**, they should have available to them **basic information** concerning such **drugs- including dosage forms** strengths available, **actions and uses**, **side effects** and **symptoms of toxicity** etc.
4. The **hospital** should establish, **preferably through** the **pharmacy and therapeutics committee**, a central unit where **essential information** on **investigational drugs** is maintained and whence it may be made available to **authorized personnel**.
5. The **pharmacy department** is the **appropriate area** for the storage of **investigational drugs** as it is for all other drugs.

## CLASSIFICATION

### I. ON THE BASIS OF HOSPITAL RESEARCH PROGRAMME THE INVESTIGATIONAL DRUGS

- (a) **CLASS A** - should contain **all investigational** use drugs that are in a **preliminary experimental stage**. The use of drug in this category is **usually restricted** to the **principal investigator**.
- (b) **CLASS B** - should consist of **investigational use drugs** which have passed through the **preliminary research stage**. Usually, drugs in this **category are supplied** to the **department of pharmacy** by the principal investigator and are **dispensed** only upon his **written prescription**.
- (c) **CLASS C** - is limited to **drugs approved** by the **USP, NF** or passed by the **Federal FDA** for **commercial distribution**. Drugs in this category may be used within the **hospital or its clinics** if the **physician complies** with some **specific procedures**
- (d) **CLASS D** - **drugs are preparations** which have been accepted for use in the **hospital** and are listed in the **hospital formulary**.



## II. ON THE BASIS OF HOSPITAL PHARMACY OPERATION

- (a) **GENERAL** - An **FDA-approved drug** which as recommended as essential for **good patient care** with a **well established usage**, once accepted, may be prescribed by **all members** of the **attending and house staff**.
- (b) **CONDITIONAL** - **Certain drugs** may be **approved** for a **conditional period** of trial. A **drug approved** by the **FDA for general use**, but which the **Committee wishes** to evaluate for **given period** before **final consideration**, may be prescribed by **all members** of the attending and house staff.
- (c) **INVESTIGATIONAL** - Drugs which are **not approved** by the FDA for use other than under **controlled clinical** settings must be approved by the **Research Advisory Committee**. A protocol of any study **involving drugs** must be **submitted to the pharmacy**.

### **CONTROL**

- All **investigational drugs** should be **registered** with the **Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee**.
- This may be accomplished by a letter from the **principal investigator**, which provides the **following information**
  1. **New drug number**
  2. **Generic name**
  3. **Manufacturer**
  4. **Chemical Name**
  5. **Proprietary name**
  6. **General Chemistry**
  7. **Pharmacology**
  8. **Toxicology**
  9. **Dose Range**
  10. **Method of Administration**
  11. **Antidote**
  12. **Therapeutic use.**

## **☐ THESE FORMS ARE USUALLY TITLED**

- 1. Physician's Data Sheet on Investigational Drugs**
- 2. Nurse's Data Sheet on Investigational Drugs**
- 3. Pharmacist's Data Sheet on Investigational Drug**

### **1. PHYSICIAN'S DATA SHEET**

- The **Physician's data** sheet must contain **following information**:
  - ✓ Name of the **Investigational Drugs**
  - ✓ **Manufacturer** or other source
  - ✓ **Strength** and Form of Investigational Drug
  - ✓ **Amount Received**
  - ✓ **Date Received**
  - ✓ Control or Batch
  - ✓ **Pharmacologic and Therapeutic Properties**, Dosage, Precautions
  - ✓ **Arrangements** which have made for its administration
  - ✓ Signature of Investigator

### **2. NURSE'S DATA SHEET**

- The **Nurse's data sheet** must contain following information:
  - ✓ Name of the **Investigational Drugs**
  - ✓ **Manufacturer** or other source
  - ✓ **Strength and Form** of Investigational Drug
  - ✓ **Pharmacologic** and **Therapeutic Properties**, **Dosage**, **Precautions** to be observed
  - ✓ Arrangements which have **made for its administration**
  - ✓ Signature of **Nursing In-charge**

### 3. PHARMACIST'S DATA SHEET

- The **Pharmacist's data** sheet must contain following information:
  - ✓ **Investigational Drug**
  - ✓ **Manufacture**
  - ✓ **Chief Investigator**
  - ✓ **Date**
  - ✓ **Physician**
  - ✓ **Patient**
  - ✓ **Rx.**
  - ✓ **Amount**
  - ✓ **Ward**
  - ✓ **Signature of Chief Pharmacist**

#### ☐ IDENTIFICATION OF INVESTIGATIONAL USE OF DRUGS

- Whenever **Class A or class B drugs** are dispensed from the **pharmacy**, they should be **labeled** in **such a manner** as to differentiate them from routine **prescription drugs**.
- In some hospitals, **investigational use drug labels** are printed in red ink on white **paper stock**.
- In addition to commonly **required information** are
  - (i) **Patient's name**
  - (ii) **Data**
  - (iii) **Prescription number**
  - (iv) **Doctor's name and**
  - (v) **Directions for use**
  - (vi) A space for the **research drug number** is provided.

## ROLE OF HOSPITAL PHARMACIST

- **Assisting** in the **development** of the study design
- Acting as an **impartial collaborator**
- **Collecting , storing** and **distributing essential information** concerning the drugs being studied
- **Packing and labelling** investigational drugs in **multiple or unit dose containers**
- **Preparing dosage forms**
- **Dispensing of investigational drugs** to both **inpatients and outpatients.**

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- The **Pharmacy and Therapeutic Committee** (PTC)
- FDA advisory committee system

### 1. THE PHARMACY AND THERAPEUTIC COMMITTEE (PTC)

- The **PTC** is a group of persons which **formulate policies** regarding **evaluation and therapeutic** use of **investigational drugs.**
- This **committee is composed** of **Physicians, Pharmacist,** and other **health professionals** with the inclusion of the **medical staff.**
- It looks after the **safety in handling** and **administering** the **investigational drug.**
- It also plays a **vital role** in monitoring **adverse drug reaction**

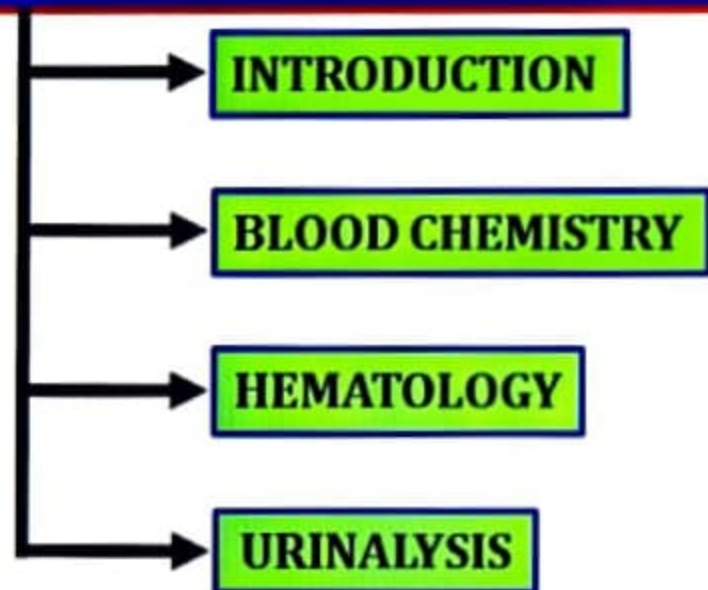


### 2. FDA ADVISORY COMMITTEE SYSTEM

- **FDA advisory committee** provides **technical assistance** related to the development and **evaluation of investigational drugs, biologics,** and **medical devices.**
- It also lends **credibility** to its decisions and **decision-making processes,** and provides a forum for **public discussion** of **certain controversial issues.**

# INTERPRETATION OF CLINICAL LABORATORY TESTS

## Points to be covered in this topic



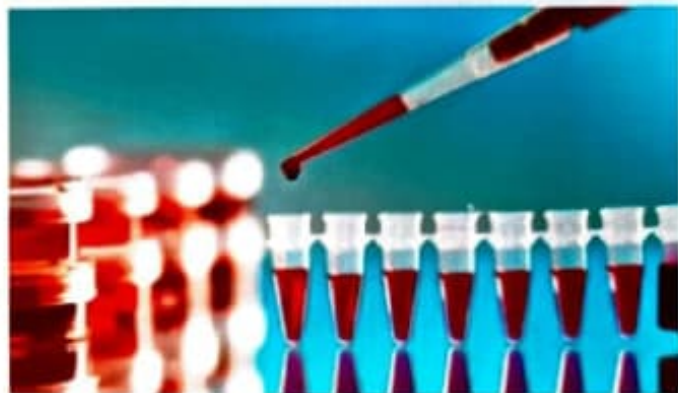
### INTRODUCTION

- **Clinical laboratory** test results are a very important parameter in **diagnosis**, **monitoring** and **screening**.
- **70 - 80 %** of **decisions** in **diagnosis** are based on **laboratory results** and more **laboratory analyses** are requested.
- Thus a lot of **data** are provided and that is therefore **imperative** for **patient care** that the **clinicians are familiar** with the tests and with **interpretation** of the results.



## BLOOD CHEMISTRY

- **Blood chemistry tests** are blood tests that **measure amounts** of certain chemicals in a **sample of blood**.
- They show how well **certain organs** are **working** and can help **find abnormalities**.
- They measure **chemicals** including **enzymes, electrolytes, fats** (also called lipids), **hormones, sugars, proteins, vitamins** and **minerals**. Often several chemicals are grouped together and **measured** at the same time.



### REASON FOR CONDUCTING BLOOD CHEMISTRY TESTS

- An **unusual** (higher or lower than normal) amount of a **substance present** in the **blood** can be a **sign of disease** in the **organ or tissue** that makes it.
- They are **often done** as part of a **routine checkup**, but can be done at any time.
- **Learn information** about your **general health**.
- Check how **certain organs** are **working**, such as the **kidneys, liver** and **thyroid**.
- Check the **body's electrolyte balance**.
- Help **diagnose diseases** and **conditions**.
- Provide the **levels of chemicals** (a baseline) to compare with future **blood chemistry tests**
- Check how a treatment is **affecting certain organs**.
- **Monitor cancer** or another condition

## ❑ COMMON BLOOD CHEMISTRY TESTS

### ❖ BASIC METABOLIC PANEL (BMP)

- The **BMP provides** information on **blood sugar** (glucose) level, the **balance of electrolytes** and **fluids**, and the **function of the kidneys**.

### ❖ BLOOD GLUCOSE LEVEL

- This test is **conducted** to screen for and **diagnose diabetes** and **prediabetes** and to monitor for **high blood glucose** (hyperglycemia) or **low blood glucose** (hypoglycemia).



### ❖ BLOOD CALCIUM LEVEL

- This test **measures the amount** of calcium in the **blood or urine**, which **reflects the amount** of total and **ionized calcium** in the **body**.



### ❖ AN ELECTROLYTE PANEL

- It is **helpful for detecting a problem** with the **body's fluid** and **electrolyte balance**.
- The **electrolyte panel** measures the levels of the **main electrolytes** in the body such as **sodium, potassium, chloride, magnesium, phosphate and bicarbonate etc.**



## ❖ KIDNEY FUNCTION TEST/ RENAL PANEL

- **Waste product** (urea) filtered out of the blood by the **kidneys**; as **kidney function decreases**, **BUN level rises**.
- This test is **conducted to evaluate** the health of the **kidneys**; to help **diagnose kidney** disease; to monitor the **effectiveness of dialysis** and other treatments related to **kidney disease or damage**.



## HEMATOLOGY

### 1. ERYTHROCYTES (RED BLOOD CELLS)

- Total **RBC count** of blood is expressed as number of **cells per mm<sup>3</sup>**.

#### ❖ Significance

- A **relative or absolute** increase in the number of **circulating R.B.C.**
- Leads to **polycythaemia** (erythrocytosis) and is observed in various **pathological conditions** like **chronic heart disease, cholera, burns**.
- A decrease in **number of R.B.C.** is observed in **pregnancy anaemia** etc

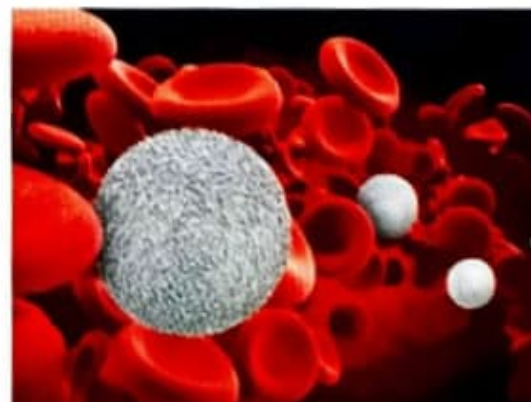


### 2. LEUCOCYTES (WHITE BLOOD CELLS)

- The **total leucocytes** count is expressed as number of **W.B.C.** in a **cubic mm** of **whole blood**.

#### ❖ Significance

- An **Increase in W.B.C's** indicates an infection like **bacterial infection, fever, tonsillitis, diphtheria, smallpox, cold**, etc.



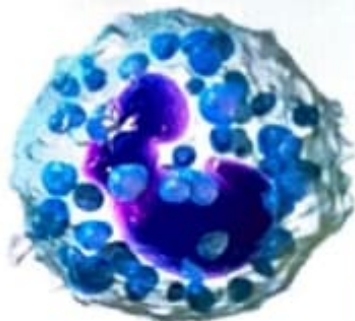


- **Physiological leucocytosis** (increase W.B.C count) is observed in **pregnancy, newborn infants, emotional disturbances, menstruation, fear** etc.
- **Great increase** shows leukaemia.

#### ❖ W.B.C. Differential analysis

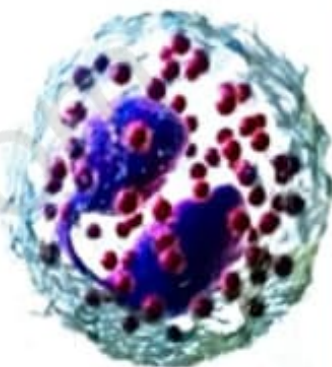
##### (i) Basophils

- An increase in **basophil number** is indicated in **various pathological conditions** like **mumps, chickenpox, viral hepatitis, tuberculosis, pertussis, granulocytic leukaemia, lymphocytic leukaemia, breast cancer.**



##### (ii) Eosinophils

- Increase in **eosinophils** (Eosinophilia) is indicative of **allergic disorders** (bronchial asthma, eczema, food allergy), **skin diseases** (pruritis, leprosy, exfoliative dermatitis), **cholera, scarlet fever, tumours** of **ovary and uterus, ulcerative colitis,** etc.



##### (iii) Monocytes

- These are **phagocytic cells.**
- A marked increase in **monocytes** (Monocytosis) is found in **tuberculosis, monocytic leukemia, ulcerative colitis, malaria** and various **bacterial infections.**



##### (iv) Lymphocytes

- **Lymphocytosis** (increase in lymphocytes) is observed in children with **viral infection** (measles and mumps), **whooping cough.**
- Other **pathological conditions** are **syphilis, tuberculosis, breast cancer,** etc



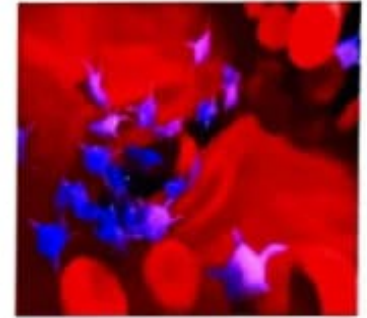
## (v) Neutrophils

- **Neutrophils leukocytosis** (an increase in neutrophil) is seen in **rheumatic fever, rheumatoid arthritis, gout, myocardial infraction, gangrene, etc**



## 3. THROMBOCYTES (PLATELETS)

- **Platelets are very small bodies** ( $3\mu$  diameter).
- They play a **vital role** in **blood coagulation**.



### ❖ Significance

- **Thrombocytosis** (increase in number of thrombocytes) is observed in various conditions like **tuberculosis, cirrhosis of liver, acute haemorrhage, iron deficiency anaemia, Hodgkin's disease**

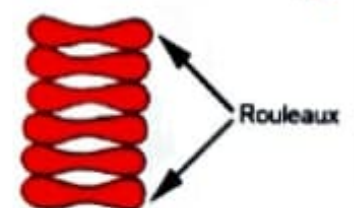
## 4. HAEMOGLOBIN

- Haemoglobin gives the idea of **oxygen carrying capacity** of **red blood cells**.
- **Anaemia** is the condition where the **haemoglobin percentage** is low.
- They are above **normal** in **dehydration** and **polycythaemia**.



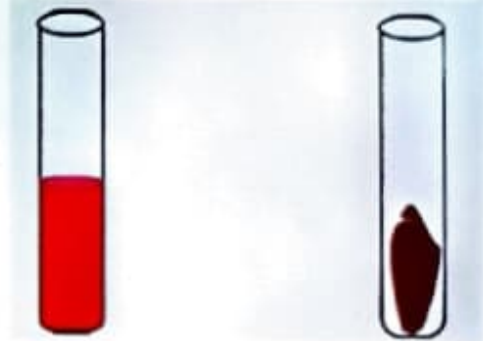
## 5. E.S.R. OR ERYTHROCYTE SEDIMENTATION RATE

- In this **erythrocytes** (RBC's) are allowed to **settle** in **whole blood** under the **force of gravity** over a **period of time** (usually 1 hr).



## 6. CLOTTING TIME OF BLOOD

- It is the **time required** for **coagulation of blood**, where **fibrinogen is converted** into **fibrin** to form **matrix for fixation** of **cellular portion**.
- **Normal range** of **whole body clotting time** is **4-9 minutes** at 37°C.



### ❖ Significance

- It is used to **diagnose haemophilia, Vitamin K deficiency anaemia, leukaemia, obstructive jaundice** etc.

## URINALYSIS

**Abnormal constituents** appear in the **urine sample** whenever there is **pathological condition** of the body.



### ❖ Abnormal constituents of urine and the disorders.

SN	ABNORMAL CONSTITUENTS	DISORDER
1	Sugar ( glucose)	Diabetes mellitus, endocrine disorder
2	Proteins (Albumin) Normal (50-80 mg/mL)	If albumin present in urine, It can be due to kidney damage
3	Bile pigments like bilirubin	Jundice
4	Ketone bodies	Diabetes mellitus, starvation, ketosis
5	Blood cells	Haematoria, T.B, cancer, Acute inflammation of urinary organ, haemolysis

❖ **List of various physical examinations of urine, their normal values and associated disorders**

<b>TEST</b>	<b>NORMAL VALUE</b>	<b>RELATED DISORDER</b>
<b>Volume</b>	<b>700-2500 ml</b>	Increase in polyurea, diabetes mellitus, diabetes insipidus, Decrease in diarrhoea
<b>Appearance</b>	Clear form, Colour ranges pale yellow to deep gold	Red color indicates the presence of blood, yellow with tetracycline, It becomes cloudy due to presence of pus or phosphate
<b>Specific gravity</b>	Normal range is 1.003 to 1.025	Increase in Diabetes mellitus, Nephrosis Decrease in Diabetes insipidus
<b>pH</b>	4.5-9.0 is the normal value (Acidic)	Alkaline pH shows alkalosis or use of certain drug