CODE OF ETHICS

Aim: To assist members in maintaining proper professional conduct while carrying out their duties as hospital pharmacists.

Part 1: Relationship with the general public and patients

A hospital pharmacist shall:

1. Observe the laws, and in particular those related to the practice of pharmacy;
2. Regard the health and safety of patients as confidentiality of patients' information;
3. Refuse to manufacture, supply or lend support to the promotion of sub-standard preparations or other unworthy products;
4. Be prepared to assist and educate patients and the general public on matters related to the usage of drugs and pharmaceutical products.

Part 2: Relationship with the pharmacy profession and fellow pharmacists

A hospital pharmacist shall:

1. Uphold the honour and dignity of the pharmacy profession and not engage in any activity which may bring the profession into disrepute;
2. Endeavor to provide and maintain hospital pharmacy services up to the highest standard of the profession;
3. Keep abreast of the progress of pharmaceutical knowledge and developments in order to maintain a high standard of professional competence;
4. Assist fellow pharmacists with information and advice;
5. Not engage in publicity which would create invidious distinction between pharmacists and hospital pharmacy services.

Part 3: Relationship with members of other healthcare professionals

A hospital pharmacists shall:

1. Collaborate with members of other healthcare professions in order to optimize patient care;
2. Provide unbiased, scientifically-based information related to drugs and pharmaceutical products to other healthcare professionals;
3. Not publicly criticise the ability or performance of other healthcare professionals, although matters concerning drugs and pharmaceutical products may be expressed in private to the professional involved.

Part 4: Relationship with the hospital or the employing institution

A hospital pharmacist shall:

1. Not agree to practice under any working condition which may interfere with his/her professional autonomy nor impose such conditions on other pharmacists;
2. With due regard to Part 4 (1). Observe the policies and standards of the hospital or the employing institution and act in its best interest.

Part 5: Relationship with the pharmaceutical industry

A hospital pharmacist shall:

1. Act honourably in dealings with members of the pharmaceutical industry;
2. Not associate himself/herself with the advertisement of pharmaceutical products.

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BACKGROUND OF SHPHK

HISTORY

In the 1980's, Hong Kong already had two pharmacy profession bodies, namely the Pharmaceutical Society of Hong Kong, PSHK (founded in 1949) and the Practicing Pharmacists Association of Hong Kong, PPAHK (founded in 1972). The 80's was a time of awakening for the pharmacy profession. Apart from the struggle for Separating of Dispensing from Prescribing (SDP), the pharmacy professionals strongly advocated mandatory labelling of dispensed medicines and the establishment of a local pharmacy school.

At that time, PSHK, with 3 official representatives in the Pharmacy and Poisons Board, was expected to be the organisation looking after the overall interest of the pharmacy profession, while PPAHK was more focused on the practice and interest of community pharmacists. As the subvented hospitals (public hospitals not directly run by the HK Government) began to employ pharmacists, the number of hospital pharmacists grew steadily. Hospital pharmacists from both the private and public sectors were more aware of the need for an organisation with emphasis on hospital practice. Initially a group of hospital pharmacists began to get together periodically to discuss issues of mutual interest. At one time a hospital pharmacy subcommittee was formed under PSHK, until November 1987, nine pioneers formally founded the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Hong Kong.

BACKGROUND OF DERC

The Drug Education Resources Centre (DERC) is a subsidiary of the SHPHK. The centre is established in May 2002 and is an independent non-profit service organization committed to providing drug education and drug related information service to the patients and the general public in Hong Kong.

DERC is staffed by pharmacist professionals who dedicate their time and service to DERC. The work is supported financially from foundation grants or charitable contributions or donations from individuals or private organisations, all of whom share the common interests in promoting the activities organized and conducted by DERC.

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BACKGROUND OF PCCC

The Pharmacy Central Continuing Education Committee (PCCC) is a joint collaboration of the following oragnisations / professional bodies:

- Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy, The University of Hong Kong
- Hong Kong Pharmacists (Public Service) Association
- Pharmaceutical Society of Hong Kong
- School of Pharmacy, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Hong Kong

The main objective of PCCC is to provide quality and well-balanced CE programmes for pharmacists of all sectors in Hong Kong. You may visit the PCCC website at http://www.pccchk.com/ for details.

MISSION

To play a leadership role in the provision of pharmaceutical care with the ultimate aim to improve the health of the people in Hong Kong.

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