

Chapter-2 | Community Pharmacy & Management |

- **Professional responsibilities of community pharmacists Introduction to the concept of Good Pharmacy Practice and SOPs.**

Professional responsibilities of community pharmacists:

The role of the community pharmacist is to provide the medications to patients based on the prescription from their doctor. However, the role of the pharmacist has progressed greatly and is now deeply involved in the number of other health initiatives.

The tasks of a community pharmacist may include:

- **Processing prescriptions:** Examination of the prescription from the doctor and preparing the medication for the patient.
- **Checking for drug interactions:** Making sure that the medications and the doses are appropriate for the patient considering health factors and the other medications.
- **Dispensing medications:** Labeling the medication correctly with the instructions for the patient about how to take the medication.
- **Disposing of medication:** Taking the unneeded medications from the patients and disposing of them safely.
- **Providing advice:** Campaigning the patients to understand their health and the medicines and giving the appropriate advice.
- **Promotion of healthy lifestyle:** Supporting the patients to make healthier choices, such as intake of more nutritious food, exercising more often or stopping smoking.

Good Pharmacy Practice

Introduction

- All practicing pharmacists are obliged to ensure that the service they provide to every patient is of appropriate quality. Good Pharmacy Practice is a means of clarifying and meeting that obligation.
- The vital element is the commitment of the profession, throughout the world, to promote excellence in practice for the benefit of those served.
- The public and other professions will judge the profession on how its members translate that commitment into the practice they observe in the community and hospital settings.
- The necessary base of pharmaceutical sciences there must be ads emphasis on the action and uses of medicines, there should be a reasonable introduction in the pre-initial qualification course to the relevant elements of the social and behave sciences and, at all stages, the development and improvement of communication should be given due emphasis.

Pharmaceutical Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs)

- Pharmaceutical Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is a tested, verified, approved, and documented way of executing operations that form the pharmaceutical industry's basis.
- It provides step-by-step guidance for the personnel to perform a specific process.
 - SOPs are constantly updated in response to changing process requirements or due to the latest trends.
 - It helps increase the efficiency of a pharmaceutical process in the most beneficial, effective, and proven way.
 - They inspect whether the process or procedure has its SOP and whether the process is executed according to the SOP.
 - They can issue a warning or non-conformance if there is no SOP or there is a deviation between executed process and the approved SOP.