

The Good Practice of RAK College of Pharmaceutical Sciences (RAKCOPS)

1. Pharmaceutical care through team based, bedside teaching, training and research.

Context of the standard:

The institutional Strategic Plan (2007-2017), Vision Mission (Std 1.1) and Goal (No. 5) is to render ethical healthcare and service to patients with highest degree of accountability to self and community. The aim is also to advance knowledge and practice of Pharmaceutical sciences through research.

Objective/ Purpose of the Practice:

To promote excellence and confidence in the students to provide Pharmaceutical care by:

- Teaching them in small groups on the bedside with medical Practitioners and other health care professionals.
- Training students to provide patient counseling, unbiased Drug information and to document and monitor Adverse Drug Reactions (ADRs).
- Motivating students to review case notes of patients & drug therapy monitoring.
- Conduct research in Pharmaceutical care after the approval of Institutional Ethical Committee.
- Understanding and handling Ethical issues involved in Pharma. Care and patient care.

Description of Practice:

- Department of Clinical Pharmacy was opened in Dec 2009 in Ibrahim Bin Obaidallah Hospital as per agreement between MOH and RAKMHSU.
- Basic facilities such as library, lecture hall, faculty room and discussion room are created to meet the basic requirements of the students.
- Create awareness to all Primary Health Care Centres (PHCs) about the new dept/ facilities and the services available.
- Provision of Drug Information Services, ADR documentation facilities are created.
- Services of the Dept. are available for patients, practitioners, students and others.
- Short and long term research projects completed and presented in scientific conferences.
- Research publications sent to peer reviewed journals.

Evidence of Success/impact:

Pharmacy students, practitioners and others are utilizing the free access to the services of Clinical Pharmacy department. Students and practitioners are happy with the facilities, Professionalism and competence of the Clinical Pharmacy teacher practitioners. The department has contributed for the improvement of patient care through pharmaceutical care.

Benefits to higher Education:

- Capable and confident undergraduate and graduate students ready to practice in UAE and other countries.
- Quality research and publication leading to scholarly and scientific work.
- Credible and professional manpower available for practice in Hospital, clinical, community, and other settings.

Future Direction:

- M.S in Pharmacy Practice recently approved by CAA will help to expand the services and outreach activities for the benefit of patients and public.
- Research leading to PhD is being envisaged in the next 2 to 3 years.
- To organize focused workshops, seminars for capacity building in faculty, students and practicing pharmacists in UAE.