Title:
Framework for Provision of Essential Medicine for District Health Services

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Abstract Summary:
Medicines are second most expensive cost driver in health services management however poorly managed in practice The paper seek to present framework and strategies for effective and efficient medicine resources management for the district health services in particular primary health care

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<td>educate clinical practitioners and managers on the best practices in the provision of essential medicines</td>
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<td>Share with the practitioners a proposed model for provision of essential medicines</td>
<td>The presenter will share with the audience the framework for provision of essential medicines comprising elements of selection, procurement, distribution and rational medicine use</td>
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Abstract Text:
The purpose of this study was to develop a framework for provision of essential medicines for the district health services. A qualitative descriptive, exploratory and contextual action research design was followed. The data collection was conducted through site visits and semi structured interviews targeting the responsible pharmacists who were purposively selected on the basis of their expert knowledge and experiences from the eight of the nine provinces of the Republic of South Africa which is a developing country with limited resources for provision of healthcare services.

The study found that there was no standardized framework for provision of essential medicines for the district health services. Based on the site visits and action research findings a proposed framework covering selection, procurement, warehousing, distribution was developed and subjected to national pharmaceutical experts and district health services managers review and critique which is finally presented after taking into consideration the experts inputs as a proposed framework emanating from the study. It is believed the proposed framework will contribute towards improving the provision and availability of essential medicines within the district health services. The presentation will empower clinical practitioners in frontline and management position to manage effectively and efficiently the second most expensive commodity after human resources in the health sector. Further it will contribute to the achievement of accreditation and quality assurance standards as medicine supply management is one of the critical standards in health establishment assessments towards certification by the regulatory bodies.

The study cover the medicine supply management strategies including selection, procurement, warehousing, distribution, capacity building, human resource management and development, monitoring and evaluation and legal aspects in relation to essential medicine provisioning. It is envisaged that the study will contribute in the promotion of consistent availability of medicines as well as reduction of expired and wasted medicine due to poor medicine stock management.