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- 1. Abbreviations and Definition
- 1.1 Abbreviation:
 - IP: Indoor-Patient
 - OP: Outdoor-Patient
 - HIS: Hospital Information System

1.2 Definition:

Storage of medicines is the preservation of items for future use and/or issue to other department.

- 2. Expected Outcome:
 - It maintains integrity of packing and guarantees quality potency of drugs during shelf life.
 - Prevents and reduces pilferage, theft or losses.
- 3. Objectives:
 - To ensure proper storage of medications as per the manufacturer guidelines.
- 4. Scope:
 - The scope of storage covers all kind of medications used in the hospital as per the hospital formulary.
 - The drugs that are stored in Inpatient Pharmacy, Outdoor Pharmacy and bulk Pharmacy.

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5. Process:

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5.1	All the drugs are stored as per the prevalent rules and regulations.	Pharmacy In charge
5.2	Medication are stored as per the storage requirement specified by the	
	manufacturers, (these should address issues pertaining to temperature	
	(refrigeration), light, ventilation, preventing entry of pests / rodents and	Pharmacy In charge
	vermin's) at all location of storage such as stores and pharmacy.	
5.3	The storage of medications is done in alphabetical order of their brand	
	names in all the areas.	Pharmacist
5.4	Medications are stored in a clean, well lit, and ventilated environment.	Pharmacist
5.5	Refrigerator storage temperature should be recorded 2 times a day in the	Pharmacist
	stores and in the pharmacy.	
5.6	Look alike & Sound alike medications are stored separately	Pharmacist
5.7	Emergency medicines should be available all time	Pharmacist
5.8	Emergency medications should be replenished in a timely manner when	Pharmacist
	used.	
5.9	Inventory practices (like first in and first out (FIFO, ABC) will be	Pharmacist
	followed while issuing inventory.	
5 10	Bulk products like IV Fluids, Irrigation Fluids should be stocked on	Bulk Pharmacy
5.10		In charge
	Level - I demarked as stores.	Bulk Pharmacy
5.11	Cartons should be stacked as per the instructions on the carton itself.	
	This will prevent damage to the products inside	In charge

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5.12	Expired & damaged product/s should be kept away from the storage area	Bulk Pharmacy
	labelled as Expired/Damaged	In charge
5.14	Narcotic drugs are kept in separate storage area under dual lock and key	Bulk Pharmacy
	facility.	In charge
5.15	Only Store In charge and Pharmacy Manager is permitted to handle these	Pharmacy Manager/
	drugs. Narcotics drugs are issued on Narcotic requisition signed by	Bulk Pharmacy
	authorised Doctor.	In charge
5.16	Narcotic drugs will be collected by Nurses only	Nurses

6. Responsibilities:

- Pharmacy Manager
- Pharmacy In-charge
- Pharmacist

7. Records:

- Inventory details in HIS

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