

3-7.5 continued

- B. Functions and Responsibilities. It is the responsibility of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee to insure that, according to the committee's judgment, the best therapeutic agents are available for the current and anticipated needs and to avoid unnecessary duplication of drug therapy agents having identical or similar pharmacological action. Drug therapy agents approved for permanent stock by the committee will be listed in the Area Formulary.

The committee's functions are to:

- (1) Develop and maintain a current formulary of accepted drugs for use in the Area.
- (2) Prepare and formulate current information on drug therapy for the guidance of the staff.
- (3) Review periodically the current stock status of drugs with special reference to preventing unnecessary duplication of drugs having similar or identical pharmacological action and elimination of unnecessary drugs.
- (4) Review periodically the additions to and deletions from New and Nonofficial Drugs and Accepted Dental Remedies.
- (5) Evaluate clinical data concerning drugs requested for use and approve additions to or deletions from the Formulary. Pharmaceutical aids, needed in compounding, need not be approved by the committee.
- (6) Serve as an advisory group to the Area regarding:
 - a. Drugs to be stocked at nursing stations, clinics, health centers, health stations, health locations, and schools, and
 - b. other pharmaceutical or related matters.
- (7) Review the emergency purchases of drugs not in the Formulary.
- (8) Ascertain compliance with Federal laws and regulations governing pharmacy activities.
- (9) Review Adverse Drug Reaction Reports.

In an emergency, it is not to be construed that Service Unit Directors must have the approval of the Area Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee in order to obtain a drug not listed in the Formulary.