

8896 COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS TO THE FORMULARY OF ACCEPTED DRUGS

Requests for additions to the Formulary of Accepted Drugs will be directed in writing to the Recorder, Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee using a form letter that is available from the Pharmacy Department. The requesting physician is responsible for filling out page 1 of the request.

REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT OF DRUGS

The Pharmacy Department cannot purchase a nonformulary drug unless an emergency exists and the request is validated by the Director of Hospital Services. A form letter is available from the Pharmacy Department that can be used to request an emergency drug procurement.

DRUG SAMPLES ISSUED BY PRESCRIPTION

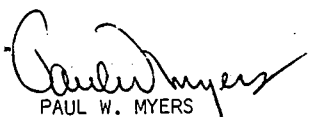
In a military hospital, the uncontrolled use of samples often causes patient inconvenience and detracts from rational drug therapy. The Pharmacy is authorized to store and dispense new drug samples providing the physician understands the conditions imposed by Air Force Regulations and Medical Center Policies. These conditions are:

a. Refills are not authorized. This restriction is necessary since the Pharmacy cannot guarantee that a supply of samples will still be available when the patient returns.

b. The Pharmacy Department cannot purchase a drug to augment samples. Drugs can only be purchased when:

(1) An emergency exists and the request is validated by the Director of Hospital Services.

(2) They have been approved for use by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.


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