

A Guide To Optimise Formulary Management

By Pharmacy & Therapeutics Office

Formulary management is an integrated patient care process which involves physicians, pharmacists and other healthcare professionals working together to promote clinically sound, cost-effective medication therapy and positive outcomes for our patients.

In the process, health technology assessment (HTA) – the systematic evaluation of any interventions that may affect health or disease outcomes – provides healthcare professionals with evidence-based information for the appropriate use of medications and efficient allocation of resources.

NHG Pharmacy & Therapeutics Office's new book, **Formulary Management – A Practical Guide** is designed to optimise formulary management processes and support HTA implementation in healthcare institutions.

Various processes are covered in this comprehensive guide. These range from formulary drug submission to evidence appraisal and synthesis, and decision-making. A unique feature is a recommended framework for the review of an existing formulary in order to maintain its currency and keep pace with the latest evidence.

This 156-page book offers practical information on the conduct of evidence reviews. Easy-to-follow, step-by-step guides to do a systematic literature search on PubMed and meta-analysis on RevMan® software are also included.

This book introduces core concepts in economic evaluation and budget impact analysis in a concise manner. A set of competency requirements and a list of training organisations are provided for institutions seeking to build up their HTA capacity.

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A PRACTICAL GUIDE



Reviews

“This is a succinct guide which summarises what each institution’s Drugs & Therapeutics Committee needs to know about formulary review and management, pharmacoeconomic evaluation and health technology assessment. The summary tables and checklists are excellent quick references for the busy clinicians, pharmacists and nurses involved in formulary management.”

– Dr Bernard Thong, Chairman, Drugs & Therapeutics Committee, Tan Tock Seng Hospital

“Formulary management is key to ensuring medicines are used judiciously and effectively. It is the cornerstone of good medication management that serves to inform decision makers and healthcare professionals in an evidence-based manner.”

– Mr Wu Tuck Seng, Deputy Director, Pharmacy Department, National University Hospital

Key Features

This guide enables users to:

- Adopt best practices from international agencies such as the UK National Institute for Health & Care Excellence (NICE) and professional organisations such as the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP).
- Apply HTA principles to achieve safe, appropriate and cost-effective use of medicine.
- Optimise formulary management processes and outcomes.

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