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### **Implementation of Cross Hospital Night Cabinet Services at DKCH-FYKH-MMRC**

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#### **Introduction**

DKCH, FYKH, MMRC are non-acute hospitals of close proximity, where 24 hour pharmacy service is not available. After pharmacy working hours, nursing staff obtain medications from night cabinet. Each hospital has individual night cabinets. Previously, there was no sharing of night cabinets. Arrangement would be made with QMH pharmacy for emergency supply if medications were unavailable. Sharing of night cabinets between 3 hospitals was implemented.

#### **Objectives**

(1)To enhance medication safety (2) To streamline the medication management process (3)To reduce the pressure of nursing staff during pharmacy closing hours (4) To improve the quality of pharmaceutical care (5)To achieve timely drug treatment for patients

#### **Methodology**

Nursing staff was notified about sharing of night cabinet. A master Drug List consisting of medications available among night cabinets of 3 hospitals was posted on the hospital website for staff's access. A standardized night cabinet requisition form was used. If medication was obtained from the night cabinet of another hospital, the completed requisition form was faxed to both pharmacies for reference.

#### **Result**

From April 2017 to January 2018, there were 16 cases of cross-hospital use of night cabinet. This allowed shortened delay of medication administration to patients. The number of incidents of calling on-call pharmacist was reduced, and reduced time to coordinate porter service to QMH. It also avoided additional workload to QMH pharmacy.