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KIDS/ PROJECT/2 Notification

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Study Title:

“THE STORAGE AND WAREHOUSING SET UP FOR MEDICINES AND PHARMACEUTICALS IN THE HOSPITALS OF THE STATE OF KERALA.”

Last date for applying to join the Research Team: 31st May, 2013

Date of starting the Study : 5th June, 2013

Last date for completing the Study : 20th June, 2013

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Aim and Objectives

The aim of the study is to study the storage and warehousing set up for Medicines and Pharmaceuticals in the Hospitals of the State of Kerala, with the following objectives:

1. To study and analyze the storage facilities in the government sector covering primary, secondary and tertiary care hospitals in various districts / areas of the State of Kerala.
2. To study and analyze the storage facilities in the private sector hospitals covering small, medium and large / tertiary care hospitals in various areas / districts of the State of Kerala.
3. To compare and analyze the storage facilities of both government and private hospitals in the State of Kerala.
4. To critically analyze the ideal storage conditions Vs the actual storage conditions in the hospitals in Kerala.

How to conduct the study?

The present study entitled “*The storage and warehousing set up for Medicines and Pharmaceuticals in the Hospitals of the State of Kerala*” can be conducted as prospective / analytical / observational/ interview based study or in other suitable manner as deemed fit by the team.

A minimum of 15 Research Teams will be constituted in Kerala on a regional / area basis from the list of empanelled Research Fellows and Research Associates of KIDS, provided they apply in the EOI form attached to this notification. Each team will have at least of 1 Research Fellow and 3-5 Research Associates. The team will be constituted jointly by the Research Fellow/s and the Study Coordinator.

Each team has to select at least 3 hospitals covering primary, secondary/ tertiary care from the government sector and an equal number of hospitals from private sector.

Once the team is constituted and approved by KIDS Director, each team have to submit a proposal to KIDS within 5 days specifying how and where they plan to conduct the study and other aspects including the methodology planned/adopted. If the team needs additional support to prepare the proposal, they can contact the Study Coordinator or the KIDS Director who will extend required help and support.

Once the proposal is accepted by KIDS, the team shall conduct the study within the stipulated time in the specified manner.

The study Coordinator will provide a sample data collection form and a semi-structured questionnaire which can be used by the Research Team to interview the persons / professionals in the Hospitals and collect the data. (*This is not a compulsory provision as the team can opt for better methods based on the local situation*).

The team has to take sincere efforts to extract the correct information through direct observation / informal / formal discussion with the pharmacists / warehouse managers / store keepers / other persons about the storage conditions as specified in Pharmacopoeia / drug rules / labels / Good Storage Practices of medicines.

Each team is at liberty to include their suggestions and modify / add more questions. The questions and their answers should be communicated to KIDS through email.

Apart from the interviews, the teams can make use of the audiovisual media, news papers, books, journals, research reports, magazines, manuals, and similar publications on issues related to storage of medicines for the study.

The teams can take pictures / video graph of the interview, study sites etc, wherever possible. The study can be conducted as per the convenience of the team on specified times including holidays / evenings, but should be completed within the specified date shown in the notification.

Procedure of making the Report

Each team has to make a Report based on their study focusing on the Aim and Objectives notified. The time schedule has to be complied within. Reports can include photos, pictures, tables, charts etc. The reports, along with duly filled questionnaires / data collection forms / note sheets etc, have to be scanned and sent to the study coordinator (damodar.mph@gmail.com), with a copy to KIDS (kidskmscl@gmail.com) within 24 hours after completing the study.

The obtained data and findings from each study site will be further evaluated, combined, collated and published as a report of KIDS with due recognition to each contributors. Each team may submit their study report to the Coordinator before the last date notified. Completion of the work within a short time will make the team effective and such teams will be appreciated, provided the report is satisfactory and meet the expectations of KIDS. This will also to put the team included in priority team list of KIDS.

Role of Study Coordinator

The study coordinator will clear the doubts of the Research Fellows and Research Associates related to the study topic. He / she will provide additional guidance wherever required.

What the team members will get out of the study?

All participants will get certificates from KIDS acknowledging their participation in the study.

In the study report published by KIDS, the names of all participants will be shown. The report / document will also be published in the website.

The actual expenses for the study like local travel, phone, photocopy, email, food expenses etc. incurred by the team / members will be reimbursed to each team after submitting their study report.

After evaluating all the reports of each study project, one team will be selected as the best team by a Committee of KIDS.

The best team for the Study will be selected based on their performance, contribution of newer ideas and concepts, innovative approach, extent of involvement in the study, writing skill and other similar parameters.

Every year the best team of each study will be given awards and certificates at a public function in Trivandrum.

All Communications can be made through email.