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KIDS/ PROJECT/3- Notification

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Study Title: “EFFICACY & IMPACT OF THE NEW POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT FOR FREE SUPPLY OF GENERIC DRUGS IN THE GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AS IMPLEMENTED W.E.F NOVEMBER 1ST 2012”

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: 5th July 2013

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Aim and Objectives

The aim of the Project is to study and critically evaluate the free supply scheme of Generic Medicines started in 8 major Government Hospitals on 1st Nov. 2012 by the Govt. of Kerala as a pilot scheme.

The Objectives are-

- i) To study and understand the perception and attitudes of patients and the health care professionals (physicians, pharmacists, nurses etc.) towards the free generic medicine scheme as implemented in the hospitals.
- ii) To study the success and failure of the system to make the uninterrupted availability of drugs and reasons for the failure if any.
- iii) To evaluate the list of medicines from the Pharmacoeconomic view point and conduct the FSN and ABC classification at the individual hospital level.
- iv) To study the pattern of medicine usage in the hospitals under study.
- v) To conduct monthly analysis of items of medicines used from November 2012 to April 2013 in the hospitals.
- vi) To suggest measures to make the scheme more effective and user friendly for both prescribers and patients.

How to conduct the study?

The study will be conducted in five Government Medical Colleges(Thiruvananthapuram, Kozhikode, Kottayam, Alapuzha, Thrissur) and three General Hospitals(in Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam and Kozhikode).

Eight to fifteen Research Teams will be constituted at the location of the hospitals from the list of empanelled Research fellows and Research Associates of KIDS (who have already registered for the same) and express their interest to take part in the Project. Each team will have at least of 1 Research Fellow and 5-7 Research Associates. The team will be constituted jointly by the Research Fellow/s and the Study Coordinator.

Once the team is constituted and approved by KIDS Director, each team will submit a proposal to KIDS within 5 days specifying the methodology of their proposed study (how, when, where and what manner) and time plan.

If any 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 for the use of the team.

The study can be conducted as per the time plan prepared by the team and approved by KIDS.

Procedure of making the Report

Each team has to make a Report based on their study focusing on the Aim and Objectives notified within the time, incorporating photos, pictures, tables, charts etc. wherever needed. The report along with duly filled questionnaire/data collection forms/ data sheets etc. have to be scanned and sent to the study coordinator (samianazeer@ymail.com), with a copy to KIDS (kidskmscl@gmail.com) within 24 hours of completing the study.

The obtained data and findings from each study site will be further evaluated, combined, collated and published as a report at KMSCL Institute for Drug Studies 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. This will also help to put the team included in priority teams 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 KIDS study report on the Project, the names of all participants will be shown and the document will be published in the website also.

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

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

The best team for eachProject 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 project will be given awards and certificates.

All Communications can be made through email.