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Strategic Management of the Hospital and Medical Supplies Supply Chain from an Integrated Quality Perspective: Challenges of Traceability, Accreditation, and Operational Efficiency

Strategic Management of Hospital Supply Chain and OPME under the Perspective of Integrated Quality: Challenges of Traceability, Accreditation, and Operational Efficiency

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Summary

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Introduction

Contemporary hospital supply management has definitively transcended the...

The old conception of a storeroom as a mere repository of supplies has risen to the category of strategic business unit and healthcare security. According to Porter (2010), in his work on In redefining healthcare, efficiency across the value chain is fundamental to delivering better outcomes. clinical costs are controlled, a premise that places hospital pharmacy at the center of... Institutional decisions. The management of medical supplies and medications, especially high-cost items and Orthoses, Prostheses, and Special Materials (OPME), requires logistical complexity. which does not allow for failures, as a disruption in supply could mean the interruption of treatments. vital. In this scenario, the implementation of a robust Quality Management System (QMS) is essential.

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Aligned with the guidelines of the National Accreditation Organization (ONA), it becomes the foundation for Standardize processes, reduce variability, and ensure patient safety, as advocated. by quality theorists such as Donabedian (1980), who structures quality in health on the pillars of structure, process and result.

1. Structuring the quality management system and accreditation in logistics.

The implementation of a Quality Management System (QMS) in pharmaceutical logistics. It requires a cultural paradigm shift, where quality ceases to be a responsibility. departmental to become intrinsic to each stage of the materials flow. According to the Juran's (1992) teachings on the quality trilogy (planning, control, and improvement), the Pharmaceutical managers must design processes that are resilient to errors, using tools. Preventive measures such as Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA). In hospital practice, this means that receiving medication is not just a matter of checking an invoice, but a barrier. critical sanitary environment where the integrity, temperature, and origin of supplies are verified, ensuring to ensure that no substandard product enters the stock and jeopardizes therapeutic efficacy. aligning with the requirements of ANVISA's RDC 430/2020 on Good Distribution Practices and Storage.

Hospital accreditation, specifically the ONA methodology, imposes rigorous requirements. for supply management, focusing primarily on patient safety as a guiding principle. of the activities. To reach level 1 (Security), the pharmacy must demonstrate absolute control over their basic processes, such as the proper storage of temperature-sensitive products and expiration date control. Feldman (2015), an authority on accreditation in Brazil, reinforces that quality management should not be It is not merely a bureaucratic process, but rather a risk management tool that protects the institution. In this sense, the The development and implementation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are objective evidence. that the organization has control over its operations, allowing for the traceability of actions and continuity of service even in situations of staff turnover or contingencies. operational.

The integration of logistics processes with other healthcare areas is a requirement for the highest levels of accreditation (Integrated Management and Excellence), requiring the pharmacy Communicate fluently with the clinical staff and nursing personnel. Inventory management cannot be isolated. of clinical needs; it should be driven by healthcare demand, according to the principles of *Lean Healthcare.* Vecina Neto and Malik (2016) argue that hospital efficiency depends on this. Synchronization between support (logistics) and frontline (assistance). Therefore, the pharmacist must participate. actively participate in hospital committees, such as the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (PTC), to Align drug standardization with the best scientific evidence and sustainability.

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financial stability for the institution, avoiding the purchase of items without added therapeutic value.

Document management is another irreplaceable pillar in structuring quality, serving as Legal and technical support for all operations performed within the hospital pharmacy. Maintaining up-to-date records of temperature, humidity, cleanliness, and preventive maintenance. It is not only a requirement of the Health Surveillance agency, but also proof of professional diligence. According to ISO 9001:2015, documented information is essential for auditing and monitoring. of performance. The pharmaceutical manager must implement electronic management systems of Document management systems (GED) that guarantee the integrity and accessibility of information, allowing that, In the event of adverse events or audits, the institution must be able to promptly demonstrate that... compliance with their storage and distribution processes.

Monitoring key performance indicators (KPIs) is the compass that guides decision-making. decision-making based on facts and data, moving management away from empiricism and closer to... Management science. Indicators such as inventory accuracy, stockout rate, index of Returns and inventory turnover should be monitored monthly and compared to targets. strategic. Reis and Perini (2008), in their studies on pharmaceutical indicators, highlight that the Continuous monitoring allows for the identification of negative trends before they become problems. Chronic conditions. A critical analysis of these indicators by senior management, as recommended by ONA, It fosters the continuous improvement cycle (PDCA), where each deviation is treated as an opportunity. learning and improving the system.

Ultimately, quality management in hospital logistics depends fundamentally on training. and the engagement of human capital, since it is the people who execute the designed processes. Chiavenato (2010) emphasizes that training and development are essential to align the Individual competencies aligned with organizational goals. In the pharmacy, this translates into programs. continuing education courses that cover topics ranging from medication dispensing techniques to Concepts of patient safety and pharmacoeconomics. The pharmacist manager plays a role in Educational leadership, creating an environment where reporting failures is encouraged for the purpose of Systemic improvement, not punishment, consolidating a culture of fair and transparent security.

2. Complexity and strategies in the management of medical devices and supplies.

The management of Orthotics, Prosthetics and Special Materials (OPME) is undoubtedly one of the The most complex and financially sensitive chapters of modern hospital administration. Gadelha (2006), when analyzing the health industrial complex, points out that the medical devices segment It presents sectoral inflation that is consistently higher than general price indices, which This puts pressure on the margins of institutions. The management of these materials requires rigorous control due to... due to its high unit value and technical specificity, it demands knowledge from the pharmacist.

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a deep understanding not only of logistics, but also of clinical indications and variabilities of market. The absence of clear processes in the management of medical devices and supplies is an open door to waste. Disputes and even fraud can occur, requiring extremely strict and auditable corporate governance.

The consignment model, predominant in the Brazilian medical supplies and equipment market, transfers to the The hospital assumes civil and criminal liability for the safekeeping of third-party inventory, which requires millimeter-precise input and output controls. Sousa and Oliveira (2018) highlight that inefficient management Consignment inventory is one of the main causes of stockouts and commercial disputes. with suppliers. The pharmacist must implement receiving flows that validate not only the quantity matters, but the material must conform to the surgical schedule and have received authorization from... Health insurance provider. Barcode and RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) technology. It presents itself as an indispensable tool to guarantee the accuracy of these records. minimizing the human error inherent in manual verification processes.

The interface with health insurance providers and the prior authorization process add a A layer of bureaucracy that can impact the efficiency of care if not well managed. Law No. Law 13.003/2014, which makes the existence of written and detailed contracts between service providers and mandatory. Operators are required to have transparency in the pricing and marketing fees of medical devices and supplies. The manager The supply department acts as a technical mediator, ensuring that the medical request is Technically justified and aligned with the contractual coverage. Discrepancies between the material The authorized amount and the amount actually used in the room are the origin of hospital billing discrepancies, which, according to Reports from the National Association of Private Hospitals (ANAHP, 2019) represent an impact. severe impact on institutions' cash flow.

Intraoperative monitoring and traceability of use are critical points where the management of medical devices and supplies frequently fails, generating financial losses and risks to patient safety. It is imperative to have a dedicated professional or an automated process within the center. surgical procedure to record the actual consumption of each screw, wire, or prosthesis at the time of use. A The reconciliation between physical expenditure and the record in the medical chart must be done immediately after surgery. ensuring that the hospital bill reflects the reality of the procedure. Concurrent audits, Performed by nurse or pharmaceutical auditors, these are recommended practices to validate this Consumption before the bill is closed, reducing rework and future disputes on the part of the customer. from the operators.

Negotiating with medical device suppliers requires sophisticated market intelligence, based on reference tables such as SIMPRO and BRASÍNDICE, but also on concepts of... Health technology assessment (HTA). Porter and Teisberg (2006), in their work "Redefining the In the context of healthcare, they argue that competition should be based on value for the patient, and not just on... cost reduction. Therefore, the pharmacist should seek suppliers that offer materials of

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Proven quality, adequate technical support, and punctual logistics. The qualification of these Suppliers must include rigorous ethical criteria, aiming to protect the institution against unethical practices. abusive market practices, such as overpricing or unfair commissions *(kickbacks),* which It erodes the sustainability of the sector.

Ethics and *compliance* in the management of medical devices and equipment are therefore non-negotiable. The Code of Ethics Pharmaceuticals (CFF Resolution 596/2014) imposes on the professional the responsibility of ensuring the proper use of... Rational and ethical considerations regarding health products. The implementation of institutional conflict of interest policies. Interests that prohibit spurious relationships between prescribers and providers is a measure of Essential governance. The pharmacist, supported by their technical and legal responsibility, must act. as the guardian of the integrity of the procurement process, ensuring that the choice of material is guided exclusively by technical, clinical and cost-effectiveness criteria, thus protecting the The patient and the financial health of the institution.

3. Traceability: food safety and regulatory compliance

The traceability of medicines and medical-hospital supplies has been consolidated in the last decade, as the central pillar of patient safety and regulatory compliance in pharmacies high-performance hospitals. ANVISA Resolution RDC No. 157/2017, which established the System The National Drug Control Agency (SNCM) has established a regulatory framework that requires... Complete tracking of medicines from production to final consumption. Leape et al. (1995), in their seminal studies on medication errors, already demonstrated that the lack of Accurate information about the origin and route of drugs is one of the main causes of adverse events. Avoidable adverse events. The ability to reconstruct an item's history allows for quick responses to... Quality deviations and *recalls,* protecting the patient from ineffective or dangerous products.

The implementation of serialization and unique identification technologies, such as the standard GS1's Datamatrix is essential for enabling traceability in a complex hospital environment. According to the organization GS1 Brazil (2018), the global standardization of identification increases exponentially increasing efficiency and security in the supply chain, enabling Interoperability between different systems. For the hospital, this requires a significant investment. in optical readers, thermal printers and, especially, in integrated management software (ERP). capable of processing and storing this mass of data. The managing pharmacist must lead the Adapting logistical processes, ensuring that data capture occurs smoothly in receiving, dispensing, and administering, without creating operational bottlenecks that harm the assistance.

In the unit-dose packaging process, commercial packaging is divided into smaller portions. In order to meet individualized prescriptions, maintaining traceability becomes a technical challenge.

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Critical. ANVISA's RDC 67/2007, which deals with Good Manufacturing Practices, establishes that Unit dose labeling must ensure full traceability back to the manufacturer's original batch. Marin et al. (2010), when discussing health information systems, warn that data loss during repackaging is a common source of medication errors. Therefore, the use of software to Re-labeling, which generates internal barcodes linked to the original batch, is a common practice. Essential for ensuring the integrity of information all the way to the bedside.

Traceability has a direct and profound impact on pharmacovigilance and on... Technovigilance, allowing for much more assertive and evidence-based risk management. ANVISA's RDC 67/2009, which deals with technovigilance, requires the notification of adverse events. related to health products. The precise correlation between an adverse reaction and a batch. Specific drug or prosthesis brand identification is only possible if there is complete traceability. Data intelligence allows the institution to perform preventive blocking of suspicious batches in Real-time response prevents harm from spreading to other patients, which is valued by credit reporting agencies. as a sign of maturity in security management.

In addition to unquestionable clinical safety, traceability plays a role. Fundamental in financial management and hospital billing, reducing losses and claim denials. Systems Traceable devices allow for automated expiration date control through the FEFO *(First Expire, First Out)* method. *First Out),* ensuring that items with the closest expiration date are used first. Ballou (2006) highlights that inventory obsolescence is a significant hidden cost in logistics. In the account From the patient's perspective, traceability unequivocally proves that the medication billed was indeed... managed, providing a robust documentary basis for medical billing audits and reducing conflicts with paying sources.

Future trends point towards the integration of disruptive technologies such as *Blockchain* and Internet of Things (IoT) in the pharmaceutical supply chain. Recent research (2020) indicates Blockchain can create immutable *and* transparent supply chains, eliminating The risk of counterfeit medications must be completely eliminated. The managing pharmacist must be vigilant about this. These innovations will help prepare your institution for digital transformation. Furthermore, compliance... The General Data Protection Law (LGPD) encompasses traceability, requiring that data The sensitivities of patients linked to the use of medications should be protected with the utmost rigor. Combining information security with patient safety.

4. Supplier management and technical qualification in the supply chain

Supplier management in hospital pharmacies is a strategic process that determines the intrinsic quality of the inputs used in care and, consequently, the safety of patient. The ISO 9001:2015 standard emphasizes the need for rigorous control over processes,

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Products and services provided externally. Supplier qualification cannot be limited to bureaucratic analysis of documents; it should evolve into a technical capacity audit and compliance. The pharmacist acts as a quality auditor, verifying whether distributors and Manufacturers comply with the Good Storage and Distribution Practices recommended by RDC. ANVISA Resolution 430/2020, ensuring the integrity of the logistics chain.

Supplier performance evaluation should be an ongoing process, based on Objective indicators *(Vendor Rating)* that measure the reliability and quality of the service. Provided. Indicators such as the "Perfect Order" (delivered on time, in the correct quantity, without Damages and accurate tax documentation are fundamental in the SCOR *(Supply Chain)* methodology. *Operations Reference).* Slack et al. (2009), in their work on Production Management, argue Establishing long-term partnerships with high-performing suppliers. The ranking. Organizing suppliers into categories allows the institution to prioritize committed partners and Disqualify those who represent an operational risk, protecting the hospital from recurring failures. in the supply chain.

In the context of thermolabile and immunobiological medicines, the logistical qualification of Suppliers take on an even more critical role, requiring rigorous validation of the cold chain. Brazilian Regulatory Decree 430/2020 mandates temperature monitoring throughout transportation and validation of... Routes and systems for passive or active packaging. The use of calibrated pyrometers is mandatory for verify temperature maintenance. The pharmacist must have the autonomy to refuse shipments that exhibit thermal excursion, as the effectiveness of biological drugs depends on proper storage. appropriate. Joint liability in the supply chain implies that the hospital is responsible for Supplier failures, making the technical requirement a legal safeguard.

Diversifying the supplier base is an essential risk management strategy and Supply Chain Resilience . Christopher (2011), authority on Logistics warns of the dangers of *single sourcing* for critical items, which leaves the An organization vulnerable to production disruptions or supplier logistics problems. The manager The pharmaceutical company must develop and approve alternative suppliers for each product category. vital, creating strategic redundancies that guarantee the continuity of healthcare services even In the face of market crises or global shortages, mitigating the so-called "bullwhip effect" in chain.

Ethical and transparent interaction with suppliers is a fundamental pillar of *Compliance.* hospital. The Anti-Corruption Law (Law No. 12.846/2013) requires integrity in commercial relations and It severely punishes acts that harm the administration. The pharmacist must follow institutional policies. Clear purchase agreements, avoiding any conflict of interest or receipt of undue advantages. A Transparency in quotations and purchasing decisions, based on technical and other criteria.

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Pharmacoeconomics strengthens the governance and reputation of the institution. The manager's role is to foster...
A professional relationship that seeks the best value for the patient, not just the least.
Price at any cost.

Finally, supplier management must align with the proposed Value Chain concept.
by Porter, seeking partnerships that bring innovation and efficiency to the hospital. Suppliers that
They act as true business partners and can offer training programs for...
Nursing team, pharmacovigilance support, and integrated logistics solutions that reduce
operational costs. The pharmacist manager must have the strategic vision to identify and cultivate these.
partnerships, transforming the commercial relationship into a collaborative alliance for the sake of security and safety.
Quality of care, where the provider is jointly responsible for the success of the treatment.

5. Inventory control and financial efficiency

Inventory control in a hospital pharmacy represents a crucial point of equilibrium.
Between financial efficiency and healthcare safety, sophisticated management methodologies are required.
The use of cross-classification ABC Curve (financial value) and XYZ Curve (clinical criticality)
It is a classic tool, validated by Ballou (2006), for materials management. Medicines of
Class A (high cost) and Z (vital) items require intensive monitoring and calculated safety stocks.
statistically (considering the standard deviation of demand and replenishment time) to ensure
Availability without incurring excessive opportunity costs, by applying the *Lean* philosophy.
Healthcare for the elimination of waste and obsolete inventory.

Inventory accuracy, defined as the agreement between the physical balance and the record.
Systemic, it is the most reliable indicator of the operational health of the pharmacy and the integrity of the
Inventory discrepancies are symptoms of serious failures in the input, output, or processes.
movement, and can mask financial losses due to theft or damage. The methodology of
Cyclical or rotating inventory, widely recommended by the "Big Four" auditing firms, allows for...
Frequent counting of groups of items facilitates the identification and immediate correction of errors.
Maintaining an accuracy rate higher than 98% is a goal in leading hospitals, as it guarantees...
Reliability of purchasing planning and the correct valuation of current assets in the balance sheet.
patrimonial.

Managing expiration dates and rigorously controlling *shelf life* are imperative for...
economic and environmental sustainability of the institution. Expired medications represent a
Double loss: the cost of the lost acquisition and the cost of environmentally sound disposal.
The National Solid Waste Policy (Law No. 12.305/2010). The strict application of the FEFO method.
(First Expire, First Out) in dispensing and proactive monitoring of expiring items.
Next, they allow for negotiated exchanges or returns. The pharmacist must

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To demonstrate care for institutional assets, with efficiency in reducing losses being one indicator.
monitored by ANAHP as a sign of operational efficiency.

Logistics automation, through decentralized electronic dispensing systems and robots...
Unit-dose packaging has revolutionized inventory control in large hospitals. Studies of
Nanni et al. (2018) demonstrate that automation drastically reduces dispensing errors.
It optimizes the nursing staff's time and ensures accurate billing for each dose consumed.
Although the initial investment is high, the Return on Investment (ROI) is justified by...
Reduction of adverse events, claim denials, and inventory discrepancies. The technology protects inventory and provides...
Real-time data for management, enabling *just-in-time* replenishment that reduces capital.
immobilized.

Integrating inventory control with clinical pharmacy enables efficient purchase management.
more assertive, based on real demand and care protocols. Standardization of
medications, conducted by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (PTC) under leadership
In the pharmaceutical industry, it is a powerful tool for reducing the dispersion of product units (SKUs) and increasing the power
negotiation. The WHO advocates the rational selection of medicines as a health strategy.
Public health. Pharmacoeconomics helps in deciding whether to include or exclude items by comparing costs.
and clinical outcomes. The pharmacist uses clinical data to refine inventory parameters,
avoiding the purchase of medications without evidence or with low turnover.

In conclusion, efficient inventory control is the fundamental basis that supports the entire operation.
Healthcare. Without the availability of the supplies, care ceases. The pharmaceutical manager must have mastery of these resources.
financial mathematics and logistics tools, using robust ERP systems for
Transforming inventory from a passive cost center into a strategic asset. Professional management.
Stock levels reflect the pharmacist's technical expertise and ensure that limited resources are used efficiently.
healthcare resources should be used in the most rational way possible, ensuring that necessary treatment is provided.
Always be within the patient's reach at the exact moment they need it.

Conclusion

Strategic management of the hospital supply chain, with a special focus on medical devices and supplies.
and high-cost medications, as revealed by the research conducted, emerge as one of the pillars
fundamental to the sustainability and safety of contemporary healthcare institutions. A
application of the total quality concepts of seminal theorists such as Donabedian and Juran, integrated
In accordance with the practical requirements of the ONA and ISO 9001 accreditation standards, it has been demonstrated that logistics
Hospital management cannot be amateurish or disconnected from patient care. The structuring of
Robust processes, mapped and controlled by performance indicators, transform the pharmacy.
hospital support sector within an intelligence and security center, capable of mitigating risks and

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Adding value to the patient. The role of the pharmacist manager, supported by a solid education in...

Quality management and pharmaceutical sciences emerge as the critical success factor in this.
A complex mechanism, orchestrating technical, human, and financial resources in pursuit of excellence.
operational.

An in-depth analysis of medical device management highlighted the pressing need for controls.
specialized, given the clinical criticality and the disproportionate budgetary impact of these materials.
The implementation of rigorous intraoperative receiving, authorization, and verification flows, in
In complete compliance with current legislation and best market practices, it presented itself as the only one.
A sustainable way to combat waste and the cost discrepancies that have historically penalized the sector.
Transparency and ethics in relationships with suppliers and prescribers, aligned with *compliance* laws.
and the Pharmaceutical Code of Ethics are imperative to protect institutional integrity and the
The trust of society. Professional management of medical devices and equipment, therefore, transcends logistics to become...
to make it a matter of corporate governance and social responsibility.

Traceability has established itself, throughout this study, as the guiding principle of security.
Sanitary and regulatory compliance. Validated by international patient safety studies.
As required by ANVISA's RDC 157/2017, the ability to track each unit of medication
The choice of medical device is what differentiates secure management from vulnerable management.
Global standard identification technologies, such as Datamatrix and GS1 codes, are not just a
legal requirement, but an intelligence strategy that allows for quick responses to alerts of
Technovigilance and *recalls.* The adaptation of hospital institutions to this new digital reality.
Including integration with electronic health records and ERP systems, it is a challenge that requires leadership.
The pharmacist's proactive role in ensuring process modernization and data security.
sensitive.

Supplier management, based on ISO standards and ANVISA's RDCs,
It reaffirmed itself as the first line of defense for quality of care. Technical qualification
rigorous, going beyond document analysis to include capacity audits and monitoring.
Performance-based construction ensures that the supply chain is resilient and reliable.
collaborative and strategic relationships with the value chain, as proposed by Porter,
It strengthens the institution in the face of market fluctuations and supply crises. The pharmacist,
In acting as an external quality auditor, he/she ensures that the supplies reaching the patient are of the correct quality.
They meet the highest standards of effectiveness and safety, protecting the institution from risks.
shared.

Inventory control, analyzed from the perspective of financial efficiency and methodology.
ABC/XYZ reinforced the need for a constant balance between availability and cost.
applying *Lean Healthcare* concepts to reduce waste and the relentless pursuit of

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Data accuracy is essential for the financial health of the hospital. Integration between management of materials and clinical pharmacy, through the rational selection of medicines and pharmacoeconomics, It allows for maximizing the use of available resources. Efficiency in inventory management, monitored Based on market indicators from ANAHP, it sustains the healthcare operation and ensures that the treatments vital resources must be available without compromising the institution's liquidity.

The culture of quality and safety, fostered by hospital accreditation processes, It proved to be the unifying element that engages multidisciplinary teams in the pursuit of... Continuous improvement. Proactive risk management and critical analysis of indicators should not be viewed Not as bureaucracy, but as a work methodology that saves lives. Pharmaceutical leadership plays a crucial role in spreading this culture, educating and inspiring employees to They strive for excellence in every operational detail. The interdependence between the clinic and logistics. It became clear; one cannot exist at its best without the other. The strategic alignment between these areas It is the key to high organizational performance.

The future scenario unequivocally points to accelerated digitization and the use of *Big Data.* and Artificial Intelligence in hospital logistics. However, the technology, no matter how advanced, This does not replace the ethical and technical discernment of the pharmaceutical professional. The human capacity to Interpreting data, negotiating complex solutions, and caring for people remains central. The manager of The future should be, above all, an integrator of technologies and humanization, capable of navigating in An increasingly complex and regulated healthcare environment. The evolution of the pharmaceutical profession. It requires constant adaptation and continuous learning to lead this transformation.

Investing in the professionalization of supply chain management and integrated quality is, ultimately... Analysis, investing in the very survival and relevance of the healthcare institution in the market. The challenges The challenges are immense and constant, but the tools and methodologies discussed in this article offer a solution. A safe and proven path to excellence. The pursuit of accreditation and efficiency. Operational management is a never-ending journey, but every step taken in that direction results in resources. preserved and, most importantly, in lives cared for with safety and dignity.

It is reiterated that the ultimate mission of the entire hospital logistics chain is to serve the patient. through the negotiation of an innovative prosthesis, the guarantee of a vaccine's cold chain, or the In preventing antibiotic stock shortages, every management action has a human impact. Profound and direct. Awareness of this responsibility is what should motivate the managing pharmacist. relentlessly seeking to improve its processes. Excellence in pharmaceutical management is... Therefore, it is an act of care, respect for life, and commitment to society.

Finally, the integration of the concepts of total quality, patient safety, and efficiency. Logistics consolidates Hospital Pharmacy as an indispensable strategic unit. The literature Scientific evidence and regulatory standards underpin this modern and integrated vision. The professional who

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Mastering these technical and managerial skills prepares one to face the challenges of...

The complex landscape of global health delivers real value to the institution, providing unwavering security.

for the patient.

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