Good Hospital Pharmacy a Must!

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IN Bangladesh, hospital pharmacy services of both the government and private institutions are of very much drab and bleak for its perfections. Anyone of us can find our hospital pharmacies as of the same arrangement of merely dispensaries to stock and hand over the drug products to the patients on the prescriptions. Currently, it is the main and the only specialty of the professional deliveries of our hospital pharmacies. This is very much shocking to observe and accept by any conscious citizen, politician, health administrators and especially the graduate & post graduate Pharmacists. Graduate and post graduate Pharmacists have been placing their wholeheartedness to participate in the interdisciplinary health care professionals' team in hospitals to develop the standard and usefulness of the hospital pharmacy and to brew the quality and standard of our health care system. It is very much painful to note that no government of the last 37 years of our independence has thought about and taken any lead to upgrade the standard and merit of the pharmacy services for the health keeping interests of the people through the placement of graduate and postgraduate Pharmacists in our hospitals.

Very recently the span of our hospital pharmacy practices has got variations through the rationale employment of graduate Pharmacists in four of our private hospitals. These variations are not perceptible to the mass because of the very fewer number of the employed graduate Hospital Pharmacists in such a very fewer number of hospitals. Still then, anyone would admit those hospitals' lead to the way to transform the currently existing backwardness and less useful mode of hospital pharmacy services to a very useful prototype of modern hospital pharmacy in our country. This will remain as the milestone in the advancement of the standard of our national hospital pharmacy practices and the health care system.

Getting delivery of appropriate quality of health care is one of the most asked basic human rights of our people. No one of the health professionals and the people can sit idle paying no attention to the quality of the health care deliveries of our country. Our people are always demanding better quality and total health care from the hospitals and other institutions of our country. No one should ignore the standing prerogatives and rights of all professionals to serve the people. And no category of our health professionals should allowed in taking over the responsibilities of the other category.

Health care system requires coordinated efforts of mainly four kind of health professionals; namely- doctors, pharmacists, nurses and diagnostic professionals. Competence of the working professionals directly affects the overall quality of the health care deliveries to the people. It is pleasant to note that professional competence of three of the stated professionals of our health care system is quite satisfactory excluding the presently available quality and services of the pharmacists. This is due to the reason that enough quantities of specialist and consultant professionals of those three professions are available at the hospitals etc. But the present quality of our hospital pharmacy services is of very low standard due to fact that diploma Pharmacists are the caretaker of the pharmacy services to the patients and that specialist pharmacy professional's (viz. graduate and postgraduate Pharmacists) expert array of pharmacy services are not available in our hospitals. This is due to the reason that Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of our country has not make it mandatory to employ graduate and postgraduate Pharmacists at the hospital pharmacies and other service points of the heath care deliver system of this country. This sort of specialist Pharmacists' deficiency is greatly affecting the trials and quality of the health care deliveries of the three other professionals to the people and finally causing bad impact to our health and economy. No kind of professionals but the graduate and postgraduate Pharmacists are the skilled professionals to ensure good quality and total range of pharmacy services in hospitals and other position of our heath care delivery system.