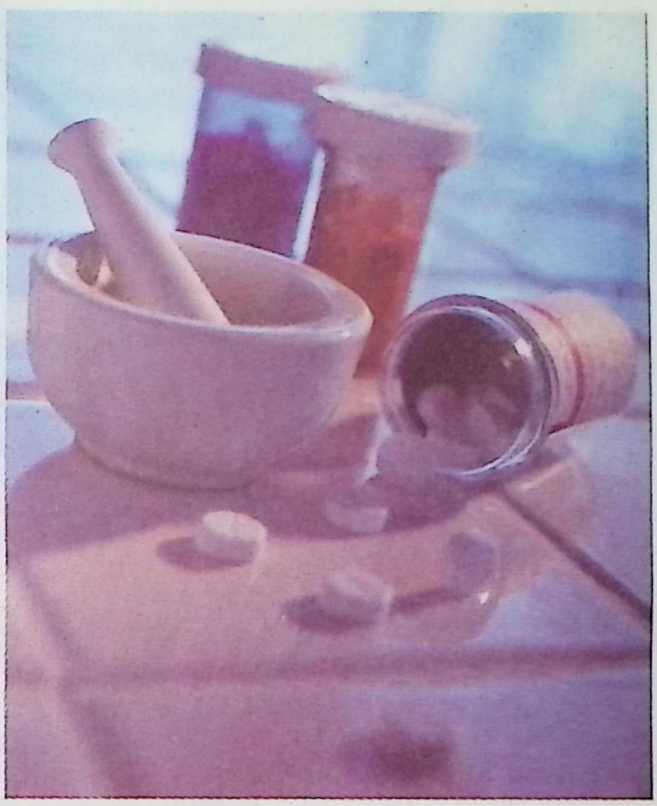
It is one of the major requirements for the health institutions of the world that registered graduate and postgraduate Pharmacists are to be employed in hospital pharmacies for providing necessary quality and standard of pharmacy services to the patients. So, why should it not be regarded and followed in our country also?! Our government has to incorporate, encourage and support the posting of graduate & postgraduate pharmacists in our hospital pharmacies. Inter-disciplinary health professional's committee approach in hospitals and other health care institution should be encouraged to practice for the beneficial care to patients. And that graduate & postgraduate pharmacist is positioned as integral member of the inter-disciplinary health care professionals' team in hospitals for ensuring appropriate use of drugs. The Pharmacists are to be authorized to be actively involved in designing the medication use and medication management activities in hospitals.

Hospitals are the main surge points of health care service delivery to the people. Employment of sufficient number of graduate and postgraduate Pharmacists in our hospital pharmacies will definitely and quickly improve the required quality of the hospital pharmacies. It is praiseworthy to note that our country is producing high quality of pharmaceuticals in our pharmaceutical industries and are exporting drugs to 67 countries of the world. Again, if graduate and postgraduate Pharmacists are employed in our hospitals, there will be a sharp improve the quality and standard of the pharmacy services of the hospitals and that will finally synchronize positive impact to the coordinated efforts of other health care professionals to ensure better quality health care deliveries to our people.

It is pleasing to note that more then twenty universities (both public and private) are now producing graduate Pharmacists in our country and that Pharmacy Council of Bangladesh is keeping on good administrative actions to maintain international standard of pharmacy education in this country. Pharmacy Council of Bangladesh is also registering competent Pharmacists through examinations of international standard. Four of our universities are also producing post graduate pharmacists. Thus, by this time, we have enough number of graduate and postgraduate Pharmacists who are available and are worthy to be employed in hospital pharmacies to upgrade the quality and standard of the pharmacy services. Our government will not need to train or engage any consultancy service to upgrade the standard of our hospital pharmacy.

Graduate and postgraduate Pharmacists keep good academic knowledge to share institutional care to patients in coordination with other professionals of the health caring team of the hospitals. They are well educated on infection prevention and control, correction of medication related problems, rational utilization of drugs, checking and monitoring drug interactions, controlling adverse drug reactions, checking for contraindications, performing patient counseling, provision of clinical pharmacy for drug and disease management and for the provision of pharmaceutical care to the patients and the people. Graduate Pharmacists can participate in health oriented educational programs of hospitals for patients and allied health members. Pharmacists can educate patients on safe use of drugs and poison-prevention measures.



Pharmacists can initiate or participate in research activities in hospitals for the advancement of health oriented knowledge against disease & its treatment and to research on investigational drugs. Pharmacists can provide unbiased and dependable drug information for all health professionals in the hospitals. Pharmacists can carry on pharmacokinetic studies involving individualization of drug-dosing in patients, biopharmaceutical studies of drug products and radiopharmaceutical dosage formulations, and pharmacoeconomic studies, as well as administrative and professional studies on drug-distribution systems and drug-utilization review studies.

Our graduate and postgraduate Pharmacists are competent in delivering all of the stated total pharmacy services and can also manufacture all kinds of drugs and dosage forms including intravenous nutrients and safer intravenous admixturing responsibilities dependably in the hospitals, obviously through good designing and erection of appropriate setup in the manufacturing area of the hospital pharmacy departments.

Thus, through the appointment of graduate and post-graduate hospital Pharmacists, we can have total pharmacy care in our hospitals. And thereby our hospitals will be always self-reliant in respect of the supply of appropriate quality of drugs with their appropriate utilization to ascertain better quality of health care to our people.