

2020 Updates from the Chief Pharmacist's Office

CPO SUPPORT FOR COVID-19 WORK



Ensure drug supply resiliency



CPO and ALPS worked with SAPI and industry to regularly track stock levels of drugs and to mitigate any stock-out situation.

CPO worked with PHIs, ALPS, SAPI, EDB, MTI, HSA etc to minimise disruption to drug supply.

PHARMACEUTICAL CARE EXCELLENCE

Support ageing in community

Due to COVID-19, Pharmaceutical Care Services (PCS) study will commence in 2021 instead of 2020.

Face-to-face onboarding training for PCS pharmacists continue to be conducted virtually via online platforms.

CONFIDENT PHARMACY WORKFORCE

Developing and engaging pharmacy workforce

The Development Framework for Pharmacists was launched in May 2020.

New programme and training standards for National Residency Year 1 (R1) and 7 Residency Year 2 (R2) programmes were implemented.

New Residency Year 2 (R2) exit exam blueprints were completed, to launch in Jan 2021 intake.

2 Graduate Certificates training programmes were introduced for development of pharmacists in community practice.

Pharmacy Technicians Entry-to-Practice Competency Standards with implementation guide was published in Sep 2020.



Straight Talk with CP was launched in Sep 2020, conducted 4 sessions to engage pharmacists in patient care settings.

RE-DESIGN SUPPLY CHAIN

Deliver medicines to where, when and how patients need them



Obtained MOH Senior Management's approval in Nov 2020

Commencement of planning with ALPS and PHIs.

Working towards opening of first National Centralised Fill Pharmacy in 2H 2021.

Drug compounding hubs progress on

Drug compounding hubs at SGH and NCCS kicked off journey towards attaining GMP-standards with onboarding of GMP consultants in Feb 2020.

Joint steering and working committees for joint NHG-NUHS compounding hub were formed in Sep 2020.

INFORMATION ENABLEMENT

National Drug Formulary

The NDF tenders had been published. Target launch of NDF is in Q2 2022.

CPO had been engaging stakeholders in preparation for NDF content and website development.

TECHNOLOGY ENABLEMENT

Improved drug code standardisation

PHIs contributed 88.7% of drug transactions in SDD codes. SDD editorial updates have been implemented to reach 93.3%.

SDD codes are used for vaccine subsidy claims and immunisation records sent to NEHR and NIR.

Progress in harmonisation of medication dispensing

National Harmonised Integrated Pharmacy System (NHIPS) project kicked off in Feb 2020, adopting Agile methodology.

NHIPS system design was completed in Sep 2020. Target to implement the first site in Apr 2023.