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MULBERRY WARD DRUG CARD RE-AUDIT ON 1
(1997)

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The re-audit of the medicine cards was carried out on the 18 June Clasby and Jo Taylor in compliance with the Trust Policy for Prescription Writing (Policy Number CLN P2).

The previous audit in November 1996 had highlighted some areas of discrepancy of which the medical and nursing teams were made aware of.

Although 100% in all 12 standards seemed a tall order to achieve, it was agreed that there had been found a need for some improvement in some of the standards that had failed.

There were 32 cards audited this time, and the results of the audit are shown on Appendix 1.

It is quite evident that there is a great improvement upon the results of the previous audit in November 1996 - see Appendix 2.

Out of the 32 cards audited this time, 7 out of the 12 criteria were now fully met (previously 5 out of 12).

The highest failings were 15.6% - on standards 1 and 3.

Standard 1 (legibility of prescription) gave most concern, due to the number of deletions between ongoing prescriptions.

The percentages of cards audited showing failings has drastically dropped from the previous audit, and everyone involved should be commended for their efforts in this. The medicine card audit will continue on an annual basis as per Clinical Policy, with the results hopefully as favorable as this one.

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APPENDIX 1

Standard Number	NUMBER OF CARDS TO MEET CRITERIA	NUMBER OF CARDS AUDITED	NUMBER OF CARDS MEETING CRITERIA	STANDARD ACHIEVED YES/NO	PERCENTAGE FAILING	COMMENTS
1	100%	32	27	NO	15.6 %	Too many deletions in between ongoing prescriptions
2	100%	32	32	YES	0 %	ALL CRITERIA MET
3	100%	32	27	NO	15.6 %	4 cards -No Hospital Number 1 card - Consultant not named
4	100%	32	29	NO	9.4 %	4 Regular prescriptions 2 days out of date No review date for Cephaclor 1 patient on leave, card out of date
5	100%	32	32	YES	0 %	ALL CRITERIA MET
6	100%	32	32	YES	0 %	ALL CRITERIA MET
7	100%	32	32	YES	0 %	ALL CRITERIA MET
8	100%	32	32	YES	0 %	ALL CRITERIA MET
9	100%	32	30	NO	6.25 %	1x PRN crossed through, not dated /signed 1 card not dated when stopped
10	100%	32	32	YES	0 %	ALL CRITERIA MET
11	100%	32	32	YES	0 %	ALL CRITERIA MET
12	100%	32	29	NO	9.4 %	PRN Thioridazine written as 25mg, no frequency given Enemas written, no frequency

APPENDIX 2

COMPARISON OF AUDITS

STANDARD NUMBER	NOVEMBER 1996 AUDIT PERCENTAGE FAILING	JUNE 1997 RE-AUDIT PERCENTAGE FAILING
1	2.95	15.6
2	0	0
3	41	15.6
4	5.9	9.4
5	0	0
6	20	0
7	0	0
8	2.75	0
9	41	6.25
10	0	0
11	0	0
12	44.1	9.4