

Editorial

Dear Readers,

One of the attributes of the “Seven Star Pharmacist” is “Life long learning”. WHO quotes “It is no longer possible to learn all, one must learn in school in order to practice a career as a pharmacist. The concepts, principles and commitment to life-long learning must begin while attending pharmacy school and must be supported throughout the pharmacist's career. Pharmacists should learn how to learn.

Science is subject to change. Also, Healthcare being such a challenging profession, one will become obsolete if he /she does not pull up his/her socks and march ahead with times. Continuing education is required for all of us to stay current with the latest developments, skills, and new technologies required in our respective fields.

In a few countries, pharmacists need continuing education to renew their state licenses. Even otherwise, for a professional pharmacist continuing education is important for career growth.

The subject areas of Continuing education may include latest developments in pharmaceutical technology, healthcare, pharmacology, regulatory issues, pharmacoeconomics and such other topics that contribute to professional pharmacy.

If we do not have formal continuing education program mandatory in our country, attending conferences, workshops, seminars, lectures etc. also qualify as continuing education program.

Therefore, Continuing education for pharmacists should be undertaken and supported to ensure pharmacists' capacity to respond to the changing health needs of the community.

I urge that we, pharmacy professionals must commit to a 'life-long learning' philosophy to remain abreast of the latest developments in our field...

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