

## RESEARCH AND FUNCTIONS OF MAJOR TASKS HOMEOPATHIC PHARMACIES

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**Introduction.** Homeopathic treatment exists more than 200 years and continues to grow. This method has a number of benefits and is based on the principles of the homeopathy as a scientific therapeutic system: the law of similia as the only law of selection of homeopathic medicines; use of small doses of medicinal substances; applying the potentiation (dynamization) while producing homeopathic medicines (HM) to enhance the therapeutic effects, which help to reduce the impact of external factors.

The homeopathic treatment has attracted the attention of scientists and experts of medicine and pharmacy since Ukraine became independent. Thus, in the current State Pharmacopoeia of Ukraine was introduced; it includes sections devoted to homeopathic medicines. The definition of homeopathy, its basic preparative types of raw materials, general requirements to them and to the method of potentiation and certain types of quality control are provided in the "Homeopathic Medicines" section and its sub-clauses.

Nowadays, modern homeopathic pharmacy (departments) that perform the functions of selling HM, providing the consumers with qualified information about HM, constant collaboration with homeopaths and manufacturing function of extemporaneous production of HM. According to the current law, homeopathic pharmacies (departments) activities are regulated by the Order No.165 of the Ministry of Health of USSR of 03 August 1989, which contains provisions concerning HM and nomenclature of HM that is allowed for manufacturing in pharmaceutical factories and for turnover in pharmacies. The Order is valid for more than 20 years, and current conditions of the pharmaceutical industry are different from the provisions of the Order are not relevant now, and they need to be revised and improved in the current situation. This has outlined the purpose of our research.

**Aim.** The aim of our research is to analyze the main tasks and functions of homeopathic pharmacies.

**Materials and methods.** Research has been carried out with the use of information materials, including pharmacopoeias, data from literature sources, materials of own research, using conventional empirical methods. For achieving the purpose and developing the homeopathic treatment and homeopathic pharmacy, organising high-quality and timely provision of the population with HM, we have analysed the main functions and tasks of specialized homeopathic pharmacies.

homeopathic pharmacy department, taking into account the specific character of function of HM within the modern conditions.

**Results and discussion.** It has been established that the main task of homeopathic pharmacy (department) is:

- to provide the population with HM of extemporal production by the prescriptions of homeopaths;
- to organize and conduct informative work among physicians of medical institutions, consumers, pharmacy professionals.

Homeopathic pharmacy (department) conducts the following functions:

- logistic support of HM turnover;
- ensuring the proper storage of homeopathic materials, basic drugs, HM;
- extemporal production of HM by the prescriptions of homeopaths;
- selling prescription HM and OTC HM;
- the study and generalization of prescriptions coming from homeopaths;
- improving methods and forms of public service, introducing domestic and foreign work experience based on modern achievements of pharmaceutical and medical sciences;
- provision the population and health professionals with relevant information on homeopathic pharmacy;
- ensuring sanitary conditions for the staff and the production process.

All the above-mentioned tasks and functions of homeopathic pharmacies are on a basis of modern “Regulations on Specialized Homeopathic Pharmacy” and “Regulations on homeopathic Pharmacy Department”. These Regulations define the principles and activity areas of such pharmacies, their internal structure, tasks, responsibilities, rights and relationships with other pharmacy departments. Scientific achievements have been tested and approved by the “Pharmacy” Committee of the Ministry of Health and National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine and agreed with Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency of Ukraine. Practical application has been found in homeopathic pharmacies (departments) of five regions of Ukraine.

**Conclusions.** We have analyzed and summarized the objectives and functions of homeopathic pharmacies for the first time during last years. Taking into account the Regulations about homeopathic pharmacy and department, which reflect specifics of the work of such pharmacies (departments), were developed and