SUPASIL WISUTHI: DEVELOPMENT OF IN-PATIENT DRUG DISTRIBUTION

SYSTEM AT RAMATHIBODI HOSPITAL. THESIS ADVISOR: ASSIS.PROF.

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To improve in-patient drug distribution, a system was developed at Ramathibodi Hospital. During November 1989 and March 1991, the study was in four wards randomly selected from medical, surgical, obstetrical and pediatric departments. Procedures used were: determination of floor stock drug list which comprised of charge and floor stock drugs for each specialty ward.; the proper charging to the patient's account for charge floor stock drugs; the establishment of credit procedure on unused charge drugs; and the involvement of pharmacist at ward level. The data collected during three-month periods before and after the implementation were compared. The findings were as follows: (1) the cost of floor stock drugs was decreased by 42.10% (2) the cost of all excess and unnecessary stock was decreased by 88.54%; (3) the cost of expired stock was decreased by 100%; and (4) the cost of unused drugs returned to the pharmacy was increased by 145.21 %

It was concluded that the system is practical for hospital drug distribution and control, economically effective, and applicable in other government hospital.