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## New standards and regulations of pharmacy practice in Saudi Arabia

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General Administration of Pharmaceutical Care of Ministry of Health Saudi Arabia is responsible of implementing pharmaceutical care and related issues to 250 hospitals and more than 2500 primary care centers including clinical pharmacy and pharmacy practice programs. It had established strategic planning for pharmaceutical care and set some standards and new regulation since 2013. Pharmacy human resources of recruitment standard has changed from 0.04 to 0.2 pharmacist per bed, new model of hospital pharmacy design to cover all ASHP standards and regulations, also, clinical pharmacy career pathway specialty starting from general, then specialized and consultant clinical pharmacist and job description for each type and level of pathway had been established. Basic medication safety courses to all medical staff, physicians, pharmacists and nurses should be attended before practicing the job. Applying of national pharmacy practicing system based on international standards with cooperation of Saudi commission of health specialties in Saudi Arabia. In addition to new regulations of pharmacy infection control, mass gathering of pharmaceutical care, and pharmacy R & D in the practice. The pharmaceutical care services is changing tremendously now in quantity and quality to patients care and better diseases management outcome, and avoiding extra and unnecessary cost.

### Biography

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