

A STUDY OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PRESCRIPTION PATTERNS AND
PROCUREMENT PROCESS: A COMPARATIVE STUDY BETWEEN GURU NANAK
HOSPITAL AND THIKA LEVEL 5 HOSPITAL

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Abstract

Procurement is the acquisition of goods and/or services or can be defined as the act of getting possession of something. It is favourable that the goods/services are appropriate and that they are procured at the best possible cost to meet the needs of the purchaser in terms of quality and quantity, time, and location. Corporations and public bodies often define processes intended to promote fair and open competition for their business while minimizing exposure to fraud and collusion. A prescription is a health-care program implemented by a physician or other medical practitioner in the form of instructions that govern the plan of care for an individual patient. The procurement process is faced by many problems ranging from lack of expertise to lack of funds. Among the aims of this project is to find out the various problems that face the procurement process in both the public and the private hospitals. This research project will utilise questionnaires as the tool for data collection in order to compare the prescription practises and procurement patterns in a private hospital: Guru Nanak hospital and a public hospital: Thika level 5 hospital. Prescriptions in both public and private institutions are different due to the different protocols and experiences including working conditions in the different institutions, these variances result in losses incurred by the hospital as well as low standards of service provided by the different institutions. The main aim of this paper is to provide a situation analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of existing medicines procurement systems and to propose recommendations and strategies on how to improve them. This analysis was aimed at comparing the prescription and procurement practices of two different institutions run by different management systems and protocols, this would ultimately result in the discovery of merits and demerits of each.