

Key Components of a Collaborative Health Team Environment

1. In a collaborative health team environment the patient is the focus and beneficiary of the collaboration, and members of the patient's healthcare team in sharing patient information. This includes diagnosis, test results, medication history, treatment plans and progress notes etc and enables the pharmacist to make informed decisions about the patient's treatment and care.
2. The pharmacist is an established and integral member of a multidisciplinary healthcare team.
3. The pharmacist plays an active part in the decision-making process with respect to initiating or changing a patient's medicine and his/her decisions and recommendations directly affect the individual patient's medicine therapy.
4. The pharmacist holds mutual concern for the well-being of the patient; is aware of and contributes to the treatment goals set by both the team and the patient and has the unique skills and knowledge to allow him/her to contribute equally to achieve these.
5. The pharmacist has direct and up-to-date access to relevant and proportionate information about a patient's medical history and medicines.
6. The pharmacist communicates prescribing decisions to other healthcare professionals caring for the same patient and updates the patient's relevant medical record in a timely manner.