

5.2 PHARMACOEPIDEMIOLOGY AND PHARMACOECONOMICS (THEORY)

Theory : 3 Hrs. /Week

1. **Pharmacoepidemiology :**

Definition and scope:

Origin and evaluation of pharmacoepidemiology need for pharmacoepidemiology, aims and applications.

Measurement of outcomes in pharmacoepidemiology

Outcome measure and drug use measures

Prevalence, incidence and incidence rate. Monetary units, number of prescriptions, units of drugs dispensed, defined daily doses and prescribed daily doses, medication adherence measurement

Concept of risk in pharmacoepidemiology

Measurement of risk, attributable risk and relative risk, time-risk relationship and odds ratio

Pharmacoepidemiological methods

Includes theoretical aspects of various methods and practical study of various methods with the help of case studies for individual methods

Drug utilization review, case reports, case series, surveys of drug use, cross – sectional studies, cohort studies, case control studies, case –cohort studies, meta – analysis studies, spontaneous reporting, prescription event monitoring and record linkage system.

Sources of data for pharmacoepidemiological studies

Ad Hoc data sources and automated data systems.

Selected special applications of pharmacoepidemiology

Studies of vaccine safety, hospital pharmacoepidemiology, pharmacoepidemiology and risk management, drug induced birth defects.

2. **Pharmacoeconomics:**

Definition, history, needs of pharmacoeconomic evaluations

Role in formulary management decisions

Pharmacoeconomic evaluation

Outcome assessment and types of evaluation

Includes theoretical aspects of various methods and practical study of various methods with the help of case studies for individual methods:

Cost – minimization, cost- benefit, cost – effectiveness, cost utility

3. **Applications of Pharmacoeconomics**

Software and case studies