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Generic vs. branded medicines: A wide gap in curriculum and clinical practice

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Pharmacology lectures and learning chemical names of medicines is often boring and exhausting but medical students have to learn it as a basis of therapeutics. However when it comes to clinical practice, pharmaceutical companies bombard them with brand names with attractive literature and lucrative gestures. Over a period augmentin becomes more efficient than amoxiciilin clauvunate. Of course patients ultimately have to pay for these medicinal branding. Now patient care cost is becoming a social problem for everybody including govt. agencies and private sector. At CIIMS Nagpur, a neurospeciality trust hospital, we conducted various studies to bridge this gap in generic and branded medicines successfully which led to better infection control, reduction in hospital stay and patient care costs with good inventory control and hospital profit.

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