

# ***STANDING ORDERS***

(CONTINUATION OF MINOR  
AILMENTS)

# INTRODUCTION

- ❖ Standing orders are the directions and orders of the specific nature.
- ❖ In absence of doctor ,the nurse health worker can provide treatment to patients at home ,hospital and community.
- ❖ Generally These instructions are in written form ,still in some medical instructions the standing orders are followed as tradition .
- ❖ It should be followed in temporary basics or in emergency situation.

- ❖ Standing orders authorizes certain medical staff to carry out medical orders per practice –approved protocol.
- ❖ It is usually applied to a certain patient population.
- ❖ A standing order is used for ordering material which is published from the same authorities in an irregular and unpredictable frequency.
- ❖ In most cases the standing order is an “open door” for all titles that fit a particular category or subject.

## *DEFINITION*

- ✓ Standing orders is a written instruction document containing orders ,rules , regulations, or procedures prepared by a physician for the conduct of patient care .

# OBJECTIVES

- i. To maintain the continuity of the treatment of the patient.
- ii. To protect the life of the patient to recovery him .
- iii. To create the feelings of responsibility in the members of health team

## USES

- a) Providing treatment during emergency .
- b) Enhancing the quality and activity of health services.
- c) Developing the feeling of confidence of responsibility in the nurses and health workers.
- d) strengthening health services in the community.
- e) Enhancing the faith of general public in medical institutions and community health services .

# *PURPOSES*

- I. To meet emergency situation in rural area.
- II. To deliver care at home ,school , community.
- III. To provide temporary treatment in the absence of a doctor .
- IV. To promote health services in community .

# *TYPES OF STANDING ORDERS*

These can be divided into three categories;

- ❖ Industrial standing order.
- ❖ Specific standing order.
- ❖ General standing order.

# 1. INDUSTRIAL STANDING ORDERS

- a) This category includes standing orders prepared with a view of the available resources staff and objectives of medical institution or hospital .
- b) Difference will be there between govt. and private hospitals .
- c) standing orders are different for primary health cares than those of district hospitals

## 2. SPECIFIC STANDING ORDERS

- a) This type of standing orders are prepared for the trained medicine ,personnel mainly for nurses.
- b) Technical knowledge and special skills are required to implement these orders.
- c) Such orders enhance the quality of community health nurse.

### 3. GENERAL STANDING ORDERS

- a) Due to large population and geographical area and shortage of health resources ,some standing orders are used to propagate the health message to the masses.
- b) Common man is expected to follow these orders .  
e.g.: advice to drink ORS in diarrhoea

## *ROLE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH IN STANDING ORDERS*

- CHN should collect the information before providing care like history collection of previous illness .
- Finding out the action taken complication and any specifications .
- Vitals monitoring.
- Identifying the needs and problems.
- Ensure the safe and comfortable environment for patient and family.
- Keeping medicine kit ready.
- Being careful about limits .
- Representing nurses view point in meetings .