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Q1. Define term Pharmacovigilance ? Write the Scope of Pharmacovigilance.

Ans.

Pharmacovigilance

- Pharmacovigilance is made up of Two words one Greek word
- " Pharmcon " = Drug or medical substance , and
- second Latin word " Vigilare "= To keep watch
- According to WHO Pharmacovigilance is defined as " the science and activities relating to the detection, assessment, understanding, and prevention of adverse effect or any other drug related problem".

Scope of Pharmacovigilance

- **Patient Monitoring :** The person has knowledge of pharmacovigilance can provide his services in hospital for monitoring the patients
- **Immunization(vaccination) :** Pharmacovigilance plays an important role in vaccination because there are some certain vaccines which show serious adverse reaction so a person has knowledge of pharmacovigilance , required to monitor and control the adverse reactions
- **Herbal Medicine :** Safety and efficacy of herbal medicine is necessary so pharmacovigilance required in herbal medicine practice
- **Disease Control Public Health Program :** The person has knowledge of pharmacovigilance can take a part in disease control programs to aware the public about safety and proper use of medicine to prevent adverse drug reaction
- **Academy :** A person has pharmacovigilance knowledge can go in academic field

Q2. Write the overview of Pharmacovigilance.

Ans.

- The overall objective as per the National Pharmacovigilance Programme will be:
- To monitor safety of the drugs and provide structured inputs for appropriate regulatory interventions
- To create awareness about ADR monitoring in India
- Regional centres will be the secondary pharmacovigilance centres under the National Pharmacovigilance Programme.
- To carry out the functions as envisaged in the “Protocol for the National Pharmacovigilance Programme” a Coordinator will have to be designated who will be in-charge of the pharmacovigilance activities at the designated regional centre.
- By accepting to participate in the National Pharmacovigilance Programme all centres explicitly agree that all pharmacovigilance activities at their institutions shall be performed in strict consonance with the National Pharmacovigilance Programme appended here (Coordinators of the centres and heads of the institutions are advised to carefully go through the Protocol prior to joining the programme).