

Duties which may be performed by registered pharmacy technicians in 100+ bed Texas health & hospital systems

Duties may include, but need not be limited to, the following functions under the supervision of and responsible to a physically present pharmacist. Technician trainees must be directly supervised.

- 1 Pre-packing and labeling unit and multiple dose packages, provided a pharmacist supervises and conducts a final check and affixes his or her name, initials or electronic signature to the appropriate quality control records prior to distribution;
- 2 Preparing, packaging, compounding, or labeling prescription drugs pursuant to medication orders, provided a pharmacist supervises and checks the preparation prior to distribution;
- 3 Bulk compounding or batch preparation provided a pharmacist supervises and conducts in-process and final checks and affixes his or her name, initials, or electronic signature to the appropriate quality control records prior to distribution;
- 4 Distributing routine orders for stock supplies to patient care areas;
- 5 Entering medication order and drug distribution information into a data processing system, provided judgmental decisions are not required and a pharmacist checks the accuracy of the information entered into the system prior to releasing the order;
- 6 Loading unlabeled drugs into an automated compounding or counting device provided a pharmacist supervises, verifies that the system was properly loaded prior to use, and affixes his or her name, initials or electronic signature to the appropriate quality control records;
- 7 Accessing automated medication supply systems after proper training on the use of the automated medication supply system and demonstration of comprehensive knowledge of the written policies and procedures for its operation;
- 8 Compounding non-sterile preparations pursuant to medication orders provided the pharmacy technicians or pharmacy technician trainees have completed the training specified in §291.131 of this title; and
- 9 Compounding sterile preparations pursuant to medication orders provided the pharmacy technicians or pharmacy technician trainees:
 - (a) have completed the training specified in §291.133 of this title; and
 - (b) are supervised by a pharmacist who has completed the training specified in §291.133 of this title, and who conducts in-process and final checks, and affixes his or her name, initials, or electronic signature to the label or if batch prepared, to the appropriate quality control records. (The name, initials, or electronic signature are not required on the label if it is maintained in a permanent record of the pharmacy.)

Duties that may be performed by registered pharmacy technicians in health & hospital system/Class C Pharmacies with an ongoing clinical pharmacy program:

- 1 May allow a pharmacy technician to verify the accuracy of the duties performed by another pharmacy technician, under the following conditions:
The pharmacy technician:
 - (a) is a registered pharmacy technician and not a pharmacy technician trainee; and

(b) meets the training requirements specified by the rules.

2 If the above requirements are met, a pharmacy technician may verify the accuracy of the following duties performed by another pharmacy technician:

(a) filling medication carts;

(b) distributing routine orders for stock supplies to patient care areas; and

(c) accessing and restocking automated medication supply systems after proper training on the use of the automated medication supply system and demonstration of comprehensive knowledge of the written policies and procedures for its operation; and

(i) The patient's orders have previously been reviewed and approved by a pharmacist

(ii) A pharmacist is on duty in the facility at all times that the pharmacy is open for pharmacy services

Additional duties performed by registered pharmacy technicians in health & hospital systems:

1 Assist the pharmacist in collecting and organizing information for direct patient care (such as medication reconciliation), medication use review/evaluations, departmental management (such as quality assurance audits) and regulatory compliance.

2 Notify pharmacist(s) of any inpatient or nurse request for patient medication counseling (during stay or at discharge) identified during medication distribution activities.

3 Assist the pharmacist in all the requirements related to preparing, storing, and distributing investigational drugs.

4 Assist pharmacist immunizers with vaccine documentation requirements in health fair or other health system initiatives.

5 Participate in identifying and preventing medication errors according to organizational standards and professional best practices.

6 Facilitate & monitor the purchasing of pharmaceuticals, devices, and supplies according to organizational purchasing procedures.

7 Facilitate inventory management of medications, pharmacy equipment, supplies, and/or devices according to an established inventory system or standards.

8 Assist with the set-up, implementation, and ongoing maintenance and quality assurance requirements to automation/pharmacy technologies.

9 Initiate, verify, and assist in pharmacy services/goods billing, adjudication, collections, and crediting.

10 Supervise and train other pharmacy technicians, including shift scheduling, performance management, and oversight of workflow processes.

11 Assist with training, in-service training, and competency assessment of appropriate personnel.

12 Perform regular inspections of medication storage areas.