

Updates from the Board of Pharmacy

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Objectives

- Identify recent changes in laws/rules which affect the practice of pharmacy.
- Discuss potential changes that the Board should consider for improving patient care.
- Discuss the implementation of Medical Marijuana in North Dakota and its impact on the profession.

Patient....
Prescription....
Professional....

Pharmacy Technicians...The
Prescription

Roles which Technician plays in medication
orders/prescriptions

Let's hear from you!!

Pharmacy Technicians...The
Patient

Consultation

61-04-13. Patient consultation requirements. Each prescription dispensed by a pharmacy serving patients in the state and each out-of-state pharmacy providing prescriptions by mail to patients in the state must provide the following in regard to consultation:

1. Provide consultation by a pharmacist or intern on each new prescription dispensed.
2. Provide consultation by a pharmacist or intern on each refill prescription dispensed. Pursuant to NDAC 61-02-07.1-05, screening a patient for consultation on a refilled prescription can be completed by a registered technician.
3. Counseling can be provided to the patient or their agent.
4. For a refilled prescription, when the patient or their agent is not available at the time of dispensing, the pharmacy must supply written or electronic materials and a toll free phone number for the patient or their agent to contact the pharmacist.
5. For a new prescription being dispensed by mail to a patient, the pharmacy must provide a consultation by telephone or supply written or electronic materials and a toll free phone number for the patient or their agent to contact the pharmacist.
 - a. A pharmacist must assess whether it is appropriate to engage the patient or their agent through a telephone conversation or if written material accompanying the prescription is appropriate.
6. This section does not apply to prescriptions for patients exempted in NDCC 43-15-31.2
7. Failure to provide proper consultation under this section is considered unprofessional conduct by the pharmacy and pharmacist under NDAC 61-04-04-01(9) and is subject to disciplinary action

Technician Screening for Consultation

- ONLY ALLOWED ON REFILLED PRESCRIPTIONS
- Must visually show the medication to the patient
- Must ask open ended questions (not yes or no)
- If response is deemed to be questionable, intervene with the pharmacist
- It is the pharmacist judgment whether to and how to use their technicians in their practice.

The patient

- Where do you or could you impact or be a driver of patient care in your location?

Pharmacy Technicians...The Professional

Requirements to be a Pharmacy Technician

- Recent changes released will cause the Board to examine the new ACPE/ASHP accreditation changes to determine if changes need to be made
- Influx of new programs as options to individuals desiring to become technicians
- Also a push by the ExCPT exam by National Healthcareer Association (NHA) to be an approved exam along with the PTCB
- Your thoughts?

What's next?

- How could you assist your pharmacists to allow for an enhanced level of care to be provided?

Compassionate Care Act (Medical Marijuana)

- Ballot initiative passed in 2016
- Legislative changes in 2017 to create a version to implement in the state which would limit the fiscal impact which assuring access and safety
- Rules for implantation finalized in 2018
- Where are we at?
- How does it involve our profession?

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!

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