

LCB File No. R214-99

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

639.245 Maintenance and availability of records regarding certain pharmaceutical personnel on duty; activities of pharmaceutical technicians.

1. A written record must be kept available for inspection showing the pharmacists, pharmaceutical technicians and pharmaceutical technicians in training on duty during the hours of business. This record must be:

- (a) Readily retrievable within 48 hours after a request therefor.
- (b) Retained for 2 years.

2. A pharmaceutical technician under the direct supervision of a pharmacist may:

- (a) Prepackage and label unit dose and unit of use, and repackage drugs if a pharmacist:
 - (1) Inspects the final products; and
 - (2) Affixes his initials to the appropriate records for controlling quality.
- (b) Prepare, package, compound and label prescription drugs pursuant to prescriptions or orders for medication, if a pharmacist inspects the preparations.
- (c) Mix drugs with parenteral fluids, if a pharmacist:
 - (1) Inspects the final product; and
 - (2) Affixes his initials to the appropriate records for controlling quality.
- (d) Prepare bulk compounds if a pharmacist:
 - (1) Inspects the final product; and
 - (2) Affixes his initials to the appropriate records for controlling quality.
- (e) Distribute routine orders and stock medications and supplies in the pharmacy or areas where care is provided to patients.

- (f) Maintain inventories of supplies of drugs.
- (g) Maintain pharmaceutical records.
- (h) Request authorization to refill a prescription from the prescribing practitioner.
- (i) Transfer a prescription between two pharmacies which maintain a networked computer system.*

3. A pharmaceutical technician may not:

- (a) Perform any action requiring a judgmental decision regarding a drug, the interpretation of a prescription or the instructions for the preparation of a prescription.
- (b) Take new prescription or chart orders by telephone.
- (c) Distribute medications pursuant to a chart order or dispense a prescription unless the order or prescription has been verified by a pharmacist.

4. A pharmaceutical technician shall prepare and distribute drugs only pursuant to written procedures and guidelines established by the pharmacy in which he performs his duties.