

WAC 246-863-095

**WAC 246-863-095 Pharmacist's professional responsibilities.** (1) Pharmacists and pharmacy ancillary personnel shall not obstruct a patient in obtaining a lawfully prescribed drug or device. If a pharmacist cannot dispense a lawfully prescribed stocked drug or device, then the pharmacist must provide timely alternatives for the patient to obtain treatment. These alternatives may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) referring the patient or patient's agent to another on-site pharmacist,
- (b) if requested by patient or their agents, transfer the prescription to a pharmacy of the patient's choice,
- (c) providing the medication at another time consistent with the normal timeframe for the prescription, or
- (d) consulting with the prescriber to provide an alternative medication therapy.
- (e) return unfilled lawful prescriptions to the patient or agent;
- (f) provide to patient or agent a timely alternative for appropriate therapy.

(2) Nothing in this rule shall interfere with a pharmacist's screening for potential drug therapy problems, pursuant to the pharmacist's professional responsibilities, including, but not limited to:

- (a) therapeutic duplication,
- (b) drug-disease contraindications,
- (c) drug-drug interactions,
- (d) drug-food interactions,
- (e) incorrect drug dosage or duration of drug treatment,
- (f) drug-allergy interactions, and
- (g) clinical misuse or abuse.

(3) Nothing in this rule requires pharmacists to dispense a drug or device without payment of their usual and customary or contracted charge.

~~(4)~~(5) A pharmacist shall not delegate the following professional responsibilities:

- (a) Receipt of a verbal prescription other than refill authorization from a prescriber.
- (b) Consultation with the patient regarding the prescription, both prior to and after the prescription filling and/or regarding any information contained in a patient medication record system provided that this shall not ~~preclude~~ prohibit a pharmacy ancillary personnel ~~assistant~~ from providing to the patient or the patient's health care giver certain

information where no professional judgment is required such as dates of refills or prescription price information.

- (c) Consultation with the prescriber regarding the patient and the patient's prescription.
  - (d) Extemporaneous compounding of the prescription, however provided that bulk compounding from a formula and IV admixture products prepared in accordance with chapter 246-871 WAC may be performed by a ~~level A~~ pharmacy ~~assistant~~ technician when supervised by a pharmacist.
  - (e) Interpretation of data in a patient medication record system.
  - (f) Ultimate responsibility for all aspects of the completed prescription and assumption of the responsibility for the filled prescription, such as: Accuracy of drug, strength, labeling, proper container and other requirements.
  - (g) Dispense prescriptions to patient with proper patient information as required by WAC 246-869-220.
  - (h) Signing of the poison register and the Schedule V controlled substance registry book at the time of sale in accordance with RCW 69.38.030 and WAC 246-887-030 and any other item required by law, or rule ~~or regulation~~ to be signed or initialed by a pharmacist.
  - (i) Professional communications with physicians, dentists, nurses and other health care practitioners.
  - (j) Decision to not fill prescriptions for any reason.
- (2)(6) Utilizing personnel to assist the pharmacist.
- (a) The responsible pharmacist manager shall retain all professional and personal responsibility, as shall the pharmacy employing ~~such~~ these personnel. The responsible pharmacist manager shall determine the extent to which personnel may be utilized to assist the pharmacist and shall assure that the pharmacist is fulfilling his or her supervisory and professional responsibilities.
  - (b) This does not ~~preclude~~ prohibit delegation to an intern or extern.