Pharmacy

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PHARMACY (COMPOUNDING AND DISPENSING OF DRUGS AND POISONS) REGULATIONS, 1986

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Short title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Pharmacy (Compounding and Dispensing of Drugs and Poisons) Regulations, 1986*.

Compounding of drugs.

2. The compounding of drugs shall be carried out by

(a) a registered pharmacist; or

(b) a graduate pharmacist under the supervision of a registered pharmacist; or

(c) an intern under the supervision of a registered pharmacist.

Dispensing of drugs.

3. (1) The dispensing of drugs shall be carried out by

(a) a registered pharmacist; or

(b) a graduate pharmacist under the supervision of a registered pharmacist; or

(c) an intern under the supervision of a registered pharmacist.

(2) Drugs dispensed to patients shall contain the following information clearly written, typed or printed on the label:

(a) name of patient;

(b) date medication was dispensed;

(c) prescription number;

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(d) name of medical practitioner;

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(f) directions for use of drug written in the English language;

(g) name of manufacturer of drug dispensed; and

(h) name and address of pharmacy.

(3) A physician may request on the prescription that the name of the drug dispensed be not placed on the label as required by paragraph (2).

(4) Nothing in paragraph (3) shall be construed as applying to anyone referred to in section 29(2) of the Act.

(5) Drugs shall be dispensed in plastic vials, glass or plastic bottles or ointment jars, except drugs pre-packaged in unit dose containers, which shall be dispensed in envelopes with a label as required by paragraph (2) firmly affixed to the outside of the envelope.

(6) Where a quantity of medication less than that prescribed by a medical practitioner is dispensed, the pharmacist shall so inform the medical practitioner unless the pharmacist has made the necessary arrangements for the patient to receive the remainder of that medication within the period of time specified by the prescription for the taking of the medication.

(7) Where a drug is substituted by a pharmacist for one prescribed by a medical practitioner, the pharmacist shall so inform the medical practitioner except where the drug substitute is a product listed in the Barbados National Drug Formulary, in which case the pharmacist is not required to inform the physician if the patient agrees to the use of the product listed in the Barbados National Drug Formulary.

(8) Medication dispensed to a patient and returned to a pharmacy for exchange shall not be accepted or exchanged by the pharmacist.

Prescriptions.

4. (1) Records of all prescriptions shall be kept by a pharmacy for a period of not less than 2 years, and upon request shall be made available for inspection.

(2) An instruction to refill a prescription as needed or as necessary must be construed to mean that the prescription shall be refilled only once.

(3) A prescription may not be refilled

(a) unless it bears a contrary instruction and indicates on its face the number of times it may be refilled; and

(b) for a greater number of times than stated on the original prescription.

(4) The date on which a prescription has been refilled shall be placed on the prescription, and the pharmacist refilling that prescription shall place his initials next to the date; and the pharmacist may also place the foregoing particulars in a book to be kept for such refills or place the information on the patient's medical profile.

(5) A prescription for a narcotic drug shall not be refilled more than 3 times in any instance.

(6) A pharmacist may dispense an oral prescription made by a medical, dental or veterinary practitioner for a period of no more than one month, except for a narcotic drug, which shall be dispensed in such manner for a period not exceeding 5 days; and the medical practitioner shall supply the pharmacist with a written prescription for the above oral request within 7 days after it has been made.

(7) It shall be the responsibility of the pharmacist to ensure that a prescription to which paragraph (6) applies is received by him within the specified time period, and failure by the medical practitioner to comply with the requirement of paragraph (6) shall be reported immediately to the Pharmacy Council by the pharmacist concerned.

(8) The dispensing counter at a pharmacy shall be kept clean and free of any drugs, related products or merchandise not needed at the time of dispensing.

Storage of drugs. 1993/32.

5. (1) The drugs listed in the *Second Schedule* to the Act shall be stored in their original containers in the dispensing section of a pharmacy, which shall be inaccessible to the public.

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(2) A drug which has been removed from its original container shall have all the pertinent information from the original container placed on a label, which shall be affixed to the new container.

(3) The information for the purposes of paragraph (2) must include, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) the generic/brand name of the drug;

(b) the format and strength of the drug;

(c) the expiry date of the drug; and

(d) the name and address of the manufacturer.

Compounding and dispensing of poisons.

6. (1) The compounding and dispensing of poisons shall be carried out by

(a) a registered pharmacist; or

(b) a graduate pharmacist under the supervision of a registered pharmacist; or

(c) an intern under the supervision of a registered pharmacist; or

(d) an authorised seller of poisons.

(2) The labels on the containers of poisons for sale to the public shall contain the following:

(a) the name of the poison;

(b) directions for use written in the English language;

(c) cautions to users of the poisons;

(d) directions for the use of and type of antidote to be used in the case of accidental ingestion;

(e) name and address of the manufacturer;

(f) name and address of pharmacy or authorised place of selling the poison; and

(g) the word "POISON" in capitals and in red ink must be placed at the top of the label; and

(h) the words "NOT TO BE TAKEN INTERNALLY" must be placed in red ink on the labels of those poisons which are not to be taken internally.

Storage of poisons.

7. (1) Poisons shall be stored in their original containers and, where such poisons have to be removed from these containers, they shall be stored in containers which are impervious to the poison and will not leak during the ordinary handling of such poisons.

(2) Poisons shall be stored in an area of the pharmacy or other authorised premises for the sale of poisons that is indicated by the word "POISONS", and such area shall be away from foods or other products.

(3) Poisons, when offered for sale, shall be packaged in containers

(a) that are impervious to the poison; and

(b) in which leakage will not occur due to the ordinary handling of such poisons.

(4) Poisons in liquid form shall be sold in bottles which have ribbed sides to prevent slippage and the resultant spillage of the poisons.

Register of Poisons. 1986/81.

8. An authorised seller of poisons shall keep a Register of Poisons as required by the *Pharmacy (Authorised Sellers of Poisons) Regulations*, 1986.

Other places where poisons may be stored or sold.

9. (1) In addition to a pharmacy, poisons may be stored for other sale or sold by retail at

(a) farm and garden shops; and

(b) a hardware store.

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(2) The places referred to in paragraph (1) must have

(a) a pipe and sink for employees to wash their hands; and

(b) an area where the repackaging of poisons may be carried out and which is inaccessible to the public.

Sale of drugs by wholesale. 1993/32.

10. (1) The selling by wholesale of drugs listed in the *Second Schedule* to the Act shall be carried out under the supervision of a pharmacist, who shall be employed by the distributor/wholesaler.

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(2) The orders for the drugs listed in the *Second Schedule* to the Act to be supplied on a wholesale basis shall be signed by the pharmacist, with the date affixed next to his signature.

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(3) Wholesale orders for the drugs listed in the *Second Schedule* to the Act shall be kept by the distributor or wholesaler for a period of not less than 2 years, and shall when requested be made available for inspection.