

64B16-27.4001 Delegation to and Supervision of Pharmacy Technicians; Responsibility of Supervising Pharmacist

1. **Delegation:** A licensed pharmacist may delegate those non-discretionary tasks enumerated in rule 64B16-27.420 to the following types of pharmacy technicians:
 - a. Registered Pharmacy Technicians (RPT): are those technicians who are duly registered with the board pursuant to s. 465.014 (2), F.S.;
 - b. Pharmacy Technicians in Training (PTT): are those technicians who are receiving practical (non-didactic) training in delegable tasks as part of employer-based or non-employer based board-approved pharmacy technician training programs who are not required to be duly registered with the board as pharmacy technicians.

2. **Supervision:** Delegated tasks must be performed under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist and pursuant to the following definitions and requirements:
 - a. Direct Supervision: means supervision by a licensed pharmacist who is on the premises at all times the delegated tasks are being performed; who is fully aware of all delegated tasks being performed; and who is readily available to provide assistance and direction throughout the time the delegated tasks are being performed.
 - b. Use of Technology: The pharmacist, as an adjunct to assist in the direct supervision of the pharmacy technician, may employ technological means to communicate with or observe the pharmacy technician. The pharmacist shall make certain all state and federal confidentially laws are fully observed when employing technological means of communication and observation.
 - c. Continuity of Supervision: The pharmacist shall maintain a continuity of direct supervision over all delegated tasks and shall not delegate more tasks than the delegating pharmacist can personally ensure compliance with this section regarding direct supervision.

3. **Responsibility of Supervising Pharmacist:**
 - a. The pharmacist who delegates a specific task shall be responsible for and retain the responsibility for the delegated act performed regardless of the responsibility of the pharmacy where the tasks are performed and regardless of the responsibility of the Prescription Department Manager or Consultant Pharmacy Manager.

- b. This subsection shall neither prohibit any other licensed pharmacist or relief pharmacist from accepting and assuming professional responsibility nor from assuming the direct supervision responsibility of delegated tasks previously assigned or delegated by another pharmacist whether or not the delegated tasks have been started, completed or are in the process of being completed.

64B16-27.420 Pharmacy Technician – Non-Discretionary Delegable and Non-Delegable Tasks

Pharmacy technicians may only perform non-discretionary delegable tasks (delegable tasks) as identified and defined pursuant to this rule. The pharmacy technician may only assist a licensed pharmacist in executing or carrying out the professional practice of pharmacy, but may never themselves engage in the professional practice of pharmacy as defined in Chapter 465, F.S.

- 1) Non-Discretionary Delegable Tasks – are those tasks that are performed in accordance to a pharmacist's mandate, without the exercise of the pharmacy technician's own judgment and discretion, and do not require the pharmacy technician to exercise the independent discretionary professional judgment that is exercised by a licensed pharmacist when practicing the profession of pharmacy.
- 2) Delegable Tasks – The following tasks are delegable:
 - a. Data entry;
 - b. Label preparations;
 - c. Retrieval of prescription files, patients files and profiles, and other such records pertaining to the practice of pharmacy;
 - d. The counting, weighing, measuring, and pouring of prescription medication or stock legend drugs and controlled substances, including the filling of an automated medication system;
 - e. The initiation of communication to confirm the patient's name, medication, strength, quantity, directions, and date of last refill;
 - f. The initiation of communication with a prescribing practitioner or their agents to obtain clarification on missing or illegible dates, prescriber name, brand or generic preference, quantity, license numbers or DEA registration numbers;
 - g. The acceptance of authorization for dispensing of medications pursuant to a practitioner's authorization to fill an existing prescription that has no refills remaining;
 - h. The receiving, in a permitted nuclear pharmacy, of diagnostic orders only; and
 - i. The assisting of preparing parenteral and bulk solutions or the assisting of any act involving sterile compounding must conform to rule 64B16-27.1001.

- 3) Non-Delegable Tasks – The following tasks may not be delegated and the pharmacy technician may not:
- a. Receive new verbal prescriptions or any change in the medication, strength, or directions;
 - b. Interpret a prescription or medication order for therapeutic acceptability and appropriateness;
 - c. Conduct final verification of dosage and directions;
 - d. Engage in prospective drug review;
 - e. Monitor prescription usage;
 - f. Override clinical alerts without first notifying the pharmacist;
 - g. Transfer a prescription;
 - h. Prepare a copy of a prescription or read a prescription to any person for purposes of providing reference concerning treatment of the person or animal for whom the prescription was written;
 - i. Engage in patient counseling;
 - j. Receive therapy or blood product procedures in a permitted nuclear pharmacy; or
 - k. Engage in any other act that requires the exercise of professional judgment.