

CHAPTER 151

PHARMACY

151 01 Definitions

151 102 Pharmacy technician

151.01 DEFINITIONS.*[For text of subs 1 to 26, see M S 1998]***Subd 27 Practice of pharmacy.** "Practice of pharmacy" means

- (1) interpretation and evaluation of prescription drug orders,
- (2) compounding, labeling, and dispensing drugs and devices (except labeling by a manufacturer or packager of nonprescription drugs or commercially packaged legend drugs and devices),
- (3) participation in clinical interpretations and monitoring of drug therapy for assurance of safe and effective use of drugs,
- (4) participation in drug and therapeutic device selection, drug administration for first dosage and medical emergencies, drug regimen reviews, and drug or drug-related research,
- (5) participation in the practice of managing drug therapy and modifying drug therapy, according to section 151 21, subdivision 1, on a case-by-case basis according to a written protocol between the specific pharmacist and the individual dentist, optometrist, physician, podiatrist, or veterinarian who is responsible for the patient's care and authorized to independently prescribe drugs. Any significant changes in drug therapy must be reported by the pharmacist to the patient's medical record,
- (6) participation in the storage of drugs and the maintenance of records,
- (7) responsibility for participation in patient counseling on therapeutic values, content, hazards, and uses of drugs and devices, and
- (8) offering or performing those acts, services, operations, or transactions necessary in the conduct, operation, management, and control of a pharmacy

*[For text of subs 28 to 30, see M S 1998]***History:** 1999 c 62 s 1**151.102 PHARMACY TECHNICIAN.**

Subdivision 1 General. A pharmacy technician may assist a pharmacist in the practice of pharmacy by performing nonjudgmental tasks and works under the personal and direct supervision of the pharmacist. A pharmacist may supervise two technicians, as long as the pharmacist assumes responsibility for all the functions performed by the technicians. The board of pharmacy may, by rule, set ratios of technicians to pharmacists greater than two to one for the functions specified in rule. The delegation of any duties, tasks, or functions by a pharmacist to a pharmacy technician is subject to continuing review and becomes the professional and personal responsibility of the pharmacist who directed the pharmacy technician to perform the duty, task, or function.

Subd 2 Waivers by board permitted. A pharmacist in charge in a pharmacy may petition the board for authorization to allow a pharmacist to supervise more than two pharmacy technicians. The pharmacist's petition must include provisions addressing the maintenance of patient care and safety. A petition filed with the board under this subdivision shall be deemed approved 90 days after the board receives the petition, unless the board denies the petition within 90 days of receipt and notifies the petitioning pharmacist of the petition's denial and the board's reasons for denial.

History: 1999 c 63 s 1