

Louisiana Administrative Code

Title 46 – Professional and Occupational Standards

Part LIII. Pharmacists

Chapter 12. Automated Medication Systems

§1217. Stocking and Restocking: Electronic Product Verification

A. The stocking and restocking of medications and devices within an automated medication system shall be performed by a pharmacist, or in the alternative, a pharmacy intern, pharmacy technician, or pharmacy technician candidate under the supervision of a pharmacist.

~~B. When the pharmacy employs electronic product verification procedures as described within this Section, the stocking and restocking of medications and devices with an automated medication system may be performed by other licensed personnel approved by the pharmacist in charge without the necessity of direct pharmacist supervision.~~

~~1. A bar code verification, electronic verification, or similar verification process which prohibits any human intervention following pharmacist verification of the product may be utilized to assure the correct selection of drugs to be placed into an automated medication system.~~

~~2. The use of a bar code, electronic, or similar verification process shall require an initial quality assurance validation followed by ongoing quality assurance reviews at intervals no greater than 90 days since the previous review, all conducted by a pharmacist.~~

B. The restocking of medications and devices within an automated medication system may be performed by a pharmacy intern, certified pharmacy technician, pharmacy technician candidate or other licensed personnel approved by the pharmacist-in-charge without the necessity of direct pharmacist supervision if:

1. A pharmacist physically verifies the accuracy of the medications or devices to restock the automated medication system;

2. A bar code verification, electronic verification, or similar verification process is utilized by the automated medication system to identify the medication or device being restocked; and

3. A pharmacist has conducted an initial quality assurance validation and ongoing quality assurance reviews at intervals no greater than 90 days since the previous review of the bar code verification, electronic verification, or similar verification process being utilized by the automated medication system.

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