Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LIII. Pharmacists

Chapter 12. Automated Medication Systems

§1217. Stocking and Restocking: Electronic Product Verification

A. In the absence of electronic product verification procedures as described within this Section, 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 within an automated medication system may be performed by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy technician, or pharmacy technician candidate.

1. A bar code or other electronic verification shall be utilized to assure the correct selection of drugs to be placed into an automated medication system.

2. The use of a bar code or other electronic verification 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.

C. The pharmacist-in-charge remains accountable to the board for the accuracy of all drug distribution activities.

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Chapter 15. Hospital Pharmacy

§1509. Drug Distribution Control

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B. Automated Medication Systems. A hospital pharmacy may use one or more automated medication systems in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 12 of this Part.

1. When the pharmacy uses an electronic product verification process as described in Section 1217 of this Part, the pharmacist-in-charge may elect to forego manual checks of drug products selected in that manner, provided however, that such selection by the pharmacist-in-charge shall require an initial quality assurance validation followed by an ongoing quality review at intervals no greater than 90 days since the previous review, all conducted by a pharmacist.

2. The pharmacist-in-charge remains accountable to the board for the accuracy of all drug distribution activities.

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