

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, pharmacy technician, or pharmacy technician candidate 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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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, and in the absence of any subsequent human intervention in the automated drug product selection process, 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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