

Title: Administration of Immunizations Without
Medical Orders by Pharmacy Interns

Policy No. I.A.32

Approved: 11-13-2019

Revised:

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1. During the Board's consideration of a regulatory proposal to amend Section 521 – Medication Administration of the Board's rules, the Board noted the current rule requires pharmacy interns to obtain the education and training required by this rule, and further, the current rule authorizes pharmacists in possession of a medication administration to supervise properly qualified pharmacy interns in the administration of medications pursuant to the receipt of prescriptions or medical orders for such medications.

2. A question arose as to whether properly qualified pharmacy interns could administer immunizations without medical orders. The Board noted the section of pharmacy law which authorizes pharmacists to administer immunizations without medical orders – La. R.S. 37:1218 and 1218.1 – specifically referenced pharmacists, did not mention pharmacy interns, and did not reference any delegation of such authority to other persons by pharmacists.

3. The Board received information from representatives of the colleges of pharmacy present at the meeting about the training provided to pharmacy interns as well as their participation in immunization clinics.

4. Following their review of the pharmacy law and rule, the Board determined an interpretation of the law would be appropriate. The following motion was adopted after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Resolved, that the Board interpret La. R.S. 37:1218 and 37:1218.1 such that a properly credentialed pharmacist may delegate the administration of immunizations without medical orders to a properly credentialed pharmacy intern.