



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4729:5-9-02.1 Minimum standards for institutional pharmacies.

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(A) Library

(1) All pharmacists working in an institutional pharmacy must be able to access all current federal and state laws, regulations, and rules governing the legal distribution of drugs in Ohio, including internet access to the following:

(a) The board's website;

(b) LAWriter Ohio laws and rules (<http://codes.ohio.gov>);

(c) The code of laws of the United States of America (variously abbreviated to Code of Laws of the United States, United States Code, U.S. Code, U.S.C., or USC); and

(d) The code of federal regulations.

(2) The pharmacy shall have access to and utilize the references necessary to conduct a pharmacy in a manner that is in the best interest of the patients served and to comply with all state and federal laws, this shall include hard copy or internet access to appropriate pharmacy reference materials.

(3) A pharmacy engaged in the compounding of dangerous drugs shall have access to all references listed in rule 4729:7-1-01 of the Administrative Code.

(4) All pharmacists working in a pharmacy shall have access to the telephone number of a poison control center.

(B) Equipment

The pharmacy shall carry and utilize the equipment necessary to conduct a pharmacy in a manner



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(C) Stock of drugs

The stock of drugs shall include such chemicals, drugs, and preparations sufficient to compound and prepare all types of prescriptions offered by the pharmacy.

(D) Space and fixtures

(1) All areas where drugs, equipment, and devices are stored and prepared shall be dry, well-lit, well-ventilated, and maintained in a clean, sanitary, and orderly condition. Storage areas shall be maintained at temperatures and conditions which will ensure the integrity of the drugs prior to their dispensing or administering as stipulated by the USP/NF and/or the manufacturer's or distributor's labeling.

(2) All storage areas shall provide adequate security for all dangerous drugs in accordance with the requirements of rule 4729:5-9-02.2 of the Administrative Code.

(E) Personnel

(1) The pharmacy shall be appropriately staffed to operate in a safe and effective manner pursuant to section 4729.55 of the Revised Code.

(2) An employee of a pharmacy must be identified by a name tag that includes the employee's job title.

(F) Quality assurance

The institutional pharmacy shall implement quality assurance program that is designed to objectively and systematically monitor and evaluate the quality and appropriateness of patient care, pursue opportunities to improve patient care, prevention and detection of drug diversion, and resolve identified problems.