

Please see the below description from the SC Board of Pharmacy as it relates to Tech Duties. I hope you find these helpful. Right from the Board of pharmacy website.

### **Approved Technician Duties Policy and Procedure #140**

An employee of a pharmacy holding a pharmacy permit not registered with the SC Board of Pharmacy may perform many clerical functions associated with the practice of pharmacy.

A non-registered employee **is prohibited** from performing the following functions:

- Entering data beyond demographic information (name, address, date of birth, gender, contact information, insurance, etc);
- Interpreting prescription drug orders;
- Handling non-dispensed legend drugs or devices; and
- Compounding of any over-the-counter or legend drug.

**A Registered or Certified Pharmacy Technician** may:

- perform many clerical functions associated with the practice of pharmacy at a facility holding a pharmacy permit;
- While fulfilling clerical functions, up to the point of dispensing requiring clinical interpretation and/or product selection, as defined in Section 40-43-30(15), registered or certified technicians would not be considered in the pharmacist to technician ratio as indicated by Sec. 40-43-86 (B)(4)(b).

**A Registered Pharmacy Technician** may:

- perform many technical functions associated with the practice of pharmacy at a facility holding a pharmacy permit; however, even under the direct supervision of a pharmacist, the pharmacy technician **is prohibited** from performing the following functions:
- Performing any duty required by law or regulation to be performed by a *state certified technician, pharmacy intern or extern, or a pharmacist*
- Administering immunizations;
- Counseling a patient on a new or refill prescription;
- Performing the final check on all aspects of the completed prescription;
- Conducting or overriding a patient Drug Utilization Review and/or Drug Interaction Alerts;
- Making clinical decisions based on medication reconciliation or history taking

### **State Certified Registered Technician**

After the supervising pharmacist carefully considers the individual's abilities and/or qualifications at a facility holding a pharmacy permit, the following duties *may be performed* by a state certified technician:

- Receiving and initiating verbal telephone orders for non-controlled prescriptions;
- Conducting a one-time transfer of a non-controlled prescription. *This should in no way prohibit a future transfer of the same prescription;*

- Checking a technician's refill of medications if the medication is to be administered by a licensed healthcare professional in an institutional setting;
- Checking a technician's repackaging of medications from bulk to unit dose in an *institutional* setting;
- Conducting monthly inspections of non-dispensing drug outlet permit sites, *provided that inspection of the site does not require any clinical interpretation or review of patient charts or other patient-specific information, in which case the inspection must be completed by a pharmacist;*
- A State Certified Registered Technician *may not conduct inspections at any permitted site which engages in compounding;*
- The consultant pharmacist of record shall conduct the inspection of the non-dispensing drug outlet permitted facility no less than every 6 months;
- If the inspection is conducted by a State Certified Registered Technician or another pharmacist, the consultant pharmacist must countersign the inspection form and send it to the non-dispensing permit site to retain for their records;
- The signed inspection form may be sent electronically;
- If a State Certified Registered Technician *finds any deficiencies* during the inspection, the person of contact at the permitted site must be contacted immediately and the *consultant pharmacist must be notified within 24 hours;*

As stated in Section 40-43-82(C), “...***a certified technician is prohibited from checking another technician's fill, refill, or repackaging of medications for delivery to a patient in an outpatient setting.***”