

Code of Ethics for Pharmacy Technicians

Preamble

Pharmacy Technicians are healthcare professionals who assist pharmacists in providing the best possible care for patients. The principles of this code, which apply to pharmacy technicians working in any and all settings, are based on the application and support of the moral obligations that guide the pharmacy profession in relationships with patients, healthcare professionals and society.

Principles

1. A pharmacy technician's first consideration is to ensure the health and safety of the patient, and to use knowledge and skills to the best of his/her ability in serving patients.
2. A pharmacy technician supports and promotes honesty and integrity in the profession, which includes a duty to observe the law, maintain the highest moral and ethical conduct at all times and uphold the ethical principles of the profession.
3. A pharmacy technician assists and supports the pharmacists in the safe and efficacious and cost effective distribution of health services and healthcare resources.
4. A pharmacy technician respects and values the abilities of pharmacists, colleagues and other healthcare professionals.
5. A pharmacy technician maintains competency in his/her practice and continually enhances his/her professional knowledge and expertise.
6. A pharmacy technician respects and supports the patient's individuality, dignity, and confidentiality.
7. A pharmacy technician respects the confidentiality of a patient's records and discloses pertinent information only with proper authorization.
8. A pharmacy technician never assists in dispensing, promoting or distribution of medication or medical devices that are not of good quality or do not meet the standards required by law.
9. A pharmacy technician does not engage in any activity that will discredit the profession, and will expose, without fear or favor, illegal or unethical conduct of the profession.
10. A pharmacy technician associates with and engages in the support of organizations, which promote the profession of pharmacy through the utilization and enhancement of pharmacy technicians.

Program Goals

1. Prepare graduates to enter the Pharmacy Technician profession.
2. Students will be able to communicate effectively.
3. Students will develop skills in problem solving and critical thinking.
4. Student will demonstrate ethical behavior and professional growth and development.
5. Graduates will be employable and will meet the needs of the community.