

Health-System Pharmacist Clinician Protocol

Pharmacist Clinician: _____

Primary Supervising Physician: _____

Alternate Supervising Physician(s): _____

Hospital Name and Location: _____

PURPOSE:

1. To provide pharmaceutical care to health-system patients during the declared Public Health Emergency due to COVID-19.
2. To review a comprehensive patient medical profile, assuring that patient care is compliant with current treatment guidelines and health-system policies/protocols. These practices will be continuously updated as dictated by emerging literature.
3. To provide appropriate therapeutic monitoring.
4. To provide the most effective medication therapy.
5. To obtain pertinent medical histories.
6. To perform physical examination relevant to the assessment of a patient for care provided by pharmacist clinician.

DEFINITIONS:

Pharmacist Clinician (PhC): a pharmacist with additional training required by regulations adopted by the New Mexico Board of Pharmacy in consultation with the New Mexico Board of Medical Examiners and the New Mexico Academy of Physician Assistants, who exercises prescriptive authority in accordance with guidelines or protocol. {16 NMAC 19.4.23.2.7}

Pharmaceutical Care: is the responsible provision of medication therapy for the purpose of achieving definite outcomes that improve a patient's quality of life.

SCOPE:

A pharmacist clinician may provide pharmaceutical care to hospitalized patients during the declared Public Health Emergency due to COVID-19, practicing in a health care institution within the policies of that institution.

POLICY:

1. Ordering/prescribing/reviewing vital signs, medications, patient care, laboratory and diagnostic tests, as appropriate.
2. The Pharmacist Clinician will assess and monitor patient response to medication therapy.
3. As appropriate, patients will be provided education materials and counseling concerning medications, and monitoring parameters.

PROCEDURE:

1. Pharmacist Clinician may assess, evaluate, monitor and modify patient's medication therapy.
2. Physical assessment of the patient will be performed as appropriate.
3. Pharmacist Clinician may order laboratory and diagnostic tests as appropriate. Pharmacist Clinician is responsible for addressing results in a timely manner, which may include consultation with physician as appropriate.
4. Pharmacist Clinician may consult with a physician regarding patient status and care, as appropriate, and will consult timely with supervising or alternate physician when the PhC determines that the issues to be addressed are outside their training, skills or abilities.
5. Supervising physician or alternate will be available timely for consultation, which may occur by electronic means.
6. Pharmacist Clinician will document in the patient record as appropriate, and this documentation will be available for review by the supervising physician. The supervising physician will review a portion of pharmacist clinician documentation, and coordinate with the pharmacist clinician for appropriate resolution of issues identified, for quality assurance.

Pharmacist Clinician:

Pharmacist Clinician Name (printed): _____

Pharmacist Clinician (signature) _____

Pharmacist Clinician license number: _____

Supervising Practitioner:

Physician Name (printed): _____

Physician (signature): _____

Include copy of physician's medical license

Alternate Supervising Practitioner(s):

Physician Name (printed): _____

Physician (signature): _____

Physician Name (printed): _____

Physician (signature): _____