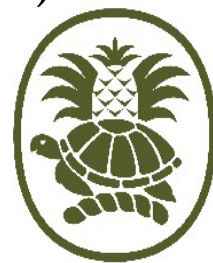


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### Scope of Practice for Pharmacists

This document outlines the scope of practice for all registered pharmacists in the Cayman Islands. The Pharmacy Council of the Cayman Islands may review and approve an expanded scope of practice for pharmacists who hold credentials with experience as recognised by the Pharmacy Council. All pharmacists must practice within the limits of their professional expertise and competence, and within the ethical codes of practice, in accordance with the relevant legislations.

The following services and/or acts are regarded to be activities specially pertaining to registered pharmacists:

- Maintain, and have charge of a registered premises offering pharmaceutical services.
- Ensure the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for all pharmaceutical services offered by the premises are up-to-date and that all personnel employed within the premises comply with the SOPs.
- Monitor compliance to Good Pharmacy Practice, and national regulatory standards and requirements.
- Supervise the manufacture, dispensing and sale of medicines, extemporaneous formulation, specialized product, or the repackaging licensed medicines.
- Monitor the quality of manufactured medicines, extemporaneous preparations, repackaged products and specialized products.
- Identifying, locating, reporting, and removing expired, defective, unsafe or recalled drugs and medical devices.
- Provide evidenced-based information, training and advice to any person with regards to a medicine or medical device.
- Supervision of pharmacy technicians, assistants and other staff members.
- Oversee the training and development of pharmacy technicians and assistants.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of a patient's pharmaceutical regimen by determining the indication, safety and effectiveness of therapy.
- Dispense prescriptions in compliance with the regulations.
- Determine patient concordance and compliance with pharmacological and follow-up to ensure that the patient's medicine-related needs are being met.
- Provide non-pharmacological advice and determine patient concordance and compliance with same to ensure that the patient's health outcome is maximized.
- Being custodians of over the counter medications, prescription drugs and controlled substances according to the regulations.
- Assess common ailment symptoms and recommend self-care or over-the-counter treatments.
- Identify, record and report adverse drug reactions.

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- Promote public awareness on medication safety and rational use.
- Promote public health campaigns.
- Conduct research and promote evidence-based practices.
- Receive, amend, process and transfer a prescription in accordance with the regulation.
- Review the appropriateness of an emergency supply of a prescription only medicine and dispense in accordance with the regulations.

The following services and/or acts represent activities with expanded scope of practice. Each service must be approved by the Pharmacy Council of the Cayman Islands in writing before a practitioner may initiate the service:

- A supplementary prescriber is a practitioner who prescribes medications within an agreed patient specific clinical management plan (CMP), agreed in partnership with a prescriber.
- The supplementary prescriber may:
  - Order and interpret laboratory tests to assess and monitor patients.
  - Prescribe medications for the ongoing drug therapy management of patients, (not including controlled medications), pursuant to a diagnosis by a physician.
- Provide point of care testing and diagnostic testing within their area of expertise and competence.
- Administer any medicine or vaccine in their area of specialisation including subcutaneous (SC) and intramuscular (IM) injections.
- Provide pharmaceutical services in accordance with qualification and experience from any organisation or board recognised by the Pharmacy Council.