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MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

MRC Scope of Practice: Pharmacist

Purpose: To define the scope of practice for volunteer pharmacist providing services as an MRC volunteer in Santa Barbara County or deployment.

Procedure or Policy:

- The pharmacist shall act as a drug expert and consultant for physicians, nurses, and other allied health professionals.
- The pharmacist shall review and interpret all medication orders and/or prescriptions written by a prescriber intended for patient use. The pharmacist shall interpret all orders and assess their appropriateness. Any ambiguous, incomplete, or erroneous orders must be clarified or corrected before being dispensed to the end user.
- All orders shall be accurately interpreted and dispensed according to state and federal law. Each prescription and/or order shall be labeled and/or dispensed with all information necessary to ensure correct use of the medication.
- The pharmacist shall be knowledgeable about compounding techniques where appropriate, including parenteral, topical, oral solutions, unit dose preparation, etc. He or she shall demonstrate proper sterile technique when compounding parenteral formulations.
- Records of necessary patient and prescription data will be kept in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws. In addition, records of narcotic inventory and dispensing shall be kept as directed by law.
- The pharmacist is responsible for supervising the work of pharmacy technicians, assistants, and/or interns should any be present in the pharmacy. No prescription or order prepared by a technician may be dispensed without pharmacist verification of order accuracy.
- If the end user of a prescription/order is a patient, the pharmacist shall counsel the patient on appropriate medication use, indication, side effects, etc. as the pharmacist deems appropriate to ensure a reasonable degree of patient safety. Counseling shall take place when any new order is filled, and thereafter as deemed appropriate by the pharmacist and/or as dictated by state or federal law.
- The pharmacist may be called upon to participate in quality improvement, quality assurance, medication safety, formulary development, etc.
- The pharmacist must have an active license in good standing.

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