

PHARMACIST - PHYSICIAN GROUP COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT

Purpose

The intent of this agreement is to establish a practice that will provide an optimum level of health care for patients by providing a mechanism for appropriate collaboration between one or more pharmacists and physicians.

Pharmacist collaboration

The Pharmacy Act allows pharmacists to practice under a Collaborative Practice Agreement with physicians. The pharmacist(s) may participate in the practice of ordering, managing and modifying drug therapy according to a written collaborative practice agreement between the pharmacists and physicians who is/are responsible for the patient's care and authorized to prescribe drugs.

Physician collaboration

The collaborating physician(s) shall be available to the pharmacist for consultation. Such availability shall include either on-site, by telephone, or electronically (email, tele-video, etc). In the absence of the collaborating physician(s), appropriate referral to a designee or other appropriate practitioner shall be made.

By signing this document, the named physician(s) agrees that the named pharmacist(s) may enter into a Collaborative Practice for their patients.

The medical director for an institution/group/program/specialty may sign on behalf of the members of that group provided that the agreement applies to all practitioners within that group.

Having read and understood the full contents of this document, the parties hereto agree to be bound by its terms.

COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT APPROVED BY:

PHARMACIST(s):

PHYSICIAN(s):

[INSERT PHARMACIST NAMES]

[INSERT PHYSICIAN NAMES]

DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION: _____

Quality improvement

This practice agreement shall be reviewed annually or more frequently as necessary, and any alteration or amendments will be made in writing.

Collaborative Practice Agreement

Policy

The pharmacist, any pharmacy residents, and pharmacy students completing rotations under the supervision of the pharmacist, will also follow this agreement.

The pharmacist is currently licensed to practice in New Brunswick and maintains minimum liability insurance coverage of \$2,000,000.

Organization

Referral: The physician can refer any patient they feel would benefit from pharmacy services and document the referral in the patient chart.

Clinic visits:

- Patients can be seen on the same day as the physician or on a separate day.

Clinical activities provided by the pharmacist in collaboration with the primary care physician:

1. Assess the health status of individuals through history taking, physical examination, and defining of health problems;
2. Order tests and evaluate test findings, assess, and initiate appropriate action to facilitate the implementation of the therapeutic plan of care;
3. Institute and provide continuity of health care to clients (patients), work with the client to enhance understanding of the compliance with the therapeutic regimen, and referral to a physician or other care provider;
4. Provide instruction and counseling to individuals, families and groups in the area of health promotion and maintenance, including involving such persons in planning for their health care;
5. Work in collaboration with other health care providers and agencies to provide and coordinate services to individuals and families;
6. Prescribe, deliver, distribute or dispense prescription drugs (includes therapeutic interchange), devices and medical gases, within the pharmacist's scope of practice, knowledge and skills.
7. Perform medically delegated functions under the direction of the physician.

8. Initiate, modify, or discontinue drug therapy in accordance with recognized clinical guidelines and/or supporting clinical research; and
9. Initiate, modify, or discontinue other treatments when appropriate.

Documentation: The pharmacist will document patient care interventions in the patient's record.

Documentation should include the following:

- Date of note
- Identification of person(s) involved
- Why the client was seen/reason for consult
- Client complaint or concern
- Background client information/data collected
- Drug-related problem or issue identified
- Pharmacist's assessment, interventions, and recommendations
- Care plan developed
- Collaboration undertaken with other health care providers
- Follow-up
- Identification & signature