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### **Pharmacist Alterations to Schedule II Prescriptions**

The Oregon Board of Pharmacy receives many questions with regards to what alterations can be made by a pharmacist to a Schedule II prescription once the prescription is at the pharmacy. In order to answer this question we asked Patricia M. Good, Office of Diversion Control, at the Drug Enforcement Administration, for a clarification which is summarized below:

*The majority of changes can be made only after the pharmacist contacts the prescribing practitioner. After consultation with the prescribing practitioner, the pharmacist is permitted to add the dosage form or change the patient's address, drug strength, drug quantity and directions for use. The pharmacist is permitted to make information additions that are provided by the patient or bearer, such as the patient's address, and such additions should be verified.*

*The pharmacist is never permitted to make changes to the patient's name, controlled substance prescribed (except for generic substitution permitted by state law) or the prescriber's signature. These types of changes challenge the necessity of the original prescription and would require a new prescription from the prescribing practitioner.*

If there are further issues you wish to discuss please contact the Oregon Board of Pharmacy at (503) 731-4032.