Administration of Vaccines by Pharmacists

Qualifications

(1) In this rule and in OAR 855-019-0280, an intern who is appropriately trained and qualified in accordance with Section (3) of this rule may perform the same duties as a pharmacist, provided that the intern is supervised by an appropriately trained and qualified pharmacist.

(2) A pharmacist may administer vaccines and immunizations to persons who are at least 18 years of age as provided by these rules. For the purposes of this rule, a person is at least 18 years of age on the day of the person's eighteenth birthday.

(3) A pharmacist may administer influenza vaccines to persons who are at least 15 years of age. For the purposes of this rule, a person is at least 15 years of age on the day of the person's fifteenth birthday.

(4) A pharmacist may administer vaccines or immunizations under section one or section two of this rule only if:

(a) The pharmacist has completed a course of training accredited by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education or a similar health authority or professional body approved by the Board and the Oregon Department of Human Services;

(b) The pharmacist holds a current basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification issued by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross or any other equivalent program that contains a hands-on training component and is valid for not more than three years, and documentation of the certification is placed on file in the pharmacy;

(c) The vaccines and immunizations are administered in accordance with an administration protocol written and approved by the Oregon Department of Human Services Oregon Health Authority (OHA); and

(d) The pharmacist has a current copy of the CDC reference, "Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases."

(5) A pharmacist may not delegate the administration of vaccines to another person.

[Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]
Protocols, Policies and Procedures

(1) Prior to administering a vaccine or immunization to a person who is at least 18 years of age or an influenza vaccine to a person who is at least 15 years of age, a pharmacist must follow written protocols approved by the Oregon Department of Human Services for administration of vaccines and the treatment of severe adverse events following administration of a vaccine.

(2) The pharmacy must maintain written policies and procedures for handling and disposal of used or contaminated equipment and supplies.

(3) The pharmacist must give the appropriate Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) to the patient or legal representative with each dose of vaccine or immunization covered by these forms. The pharmacist must ensure that the patient or legal representative is available and has read, or has had read to them, the information provided and has had their questions answered prior to administering the vaccine or immunization.

(4) The pharmacist must report adverse events as required by the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS) and to the primary care provider as identified by the patient.

(5) The pharmacist should give the Adolescent Well Visit Referral document, provided by the OHA, to a patient aged 11-18 years of age or their legal representative when it is available.

Record Keeping and Reporting

(1) A pharmacist who administers any vaccine or immunization shall maintain the following information in the pharmacy records regarding each administration for a minimum of three years:

(a) The name, address, gender and date of birth of the patient, and phone number when available:
(b) The date and site of the administration and site of injection of the vaccine or immunization;

c) The brand name, or NDC number, or other acceptable standardized vaccine codeset, dose, manufacturer, lot number, and expiration date of the vaccine; or immunization;

d) The name and address of the patient's primary health care provider, as identified by the patient;

e) The name or identifiable initials of the administering pharmacist;

(e) The address of the pharmacy where vaccine was administered unless automatically embedded in the electronic report provided to the OHA ALERT Immunization System.

(f) The date the pharmacist reported the vaccination or immunization information to the patient's primary health care provider, as identified by the patient, and, when requested, to the Department of Human Services if different from the date of administration;

(g) Documentation of provision of informed consent for administration of vaccines or immunizations if needed for transmission of records to a primary care provider. The pharmacist must also report to the Department of Human Services as requested for vaccines or immunizations specifically identified by the Department.

(h) Which Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) was provided;

(i) The date of publication of the VIS; and-

(j) The date the VIS was provided.

(2) If providing state or federal vaccines, the vaccine eligibility code as specified by the OHA must be reported to the ALERT system.

(2) (3) A pharmacist who administers any vaccine or immunization must report in writing, the elements of sections (1), and (2) of this rule if applicable, to the OHA ALERT Immunization System within 15 days of administration, to the patient's primary health care provider, as identified by the patient, the information required to be maintained by section (1) of this rule. The report shall be made within fourteen days of the date of administration. This replaces the former requirement to notify the primary health care provider.

(3) (4) A pharmacist who administers any vaccine will keep documentation of current CPR training. This documentation will be kept on site and available for inspection.
(5) A pharmacist who administers any vaccine will follow storage and handling guidance from the vaccine manufacturer and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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