

Administration of Vaccines by Pharmacists

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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 to persons who are at least 11 years of age as provided by these rules. For the purposes of this rule, a person is at least 11 years of age on the day of the person's eleventh birthday.

(3) A pharmacist may administer vaccines under Section (1) or Section (2) of this rule only if:

(a) The pharmacist has completed a course of training approved by the Board;

(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 are administered in accordance with an administration protocol written and approved by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA); and

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

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

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Protocols, Policies and Procedures

(1) Prior to administering a vaccine to a person who is at least 11 years of age a pharmacist must follow protocols written and approved by the OHA 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 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.

(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.

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Record Keeping and Reporting

(1) A pharmacist who administers any vaccine must 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 of the vaccine;
- (c) The brand name, or NDC number, or other acceptable standardized vaccine code set, dose, manufacturer, lot number, and expiration date of the vaccine;
- (d) 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 of publication of the VIS; and-
- (g) 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.

(3) A pharmacist who administers any vaccine must report, the elements of Section (1), and Section (2) of this rule if applicable, to the OHA ALERT Immunization System within 15 days of administration. This replaces the former requirement to notify the primary health care provider.

(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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