

# Clinical Pharmacy Services

## DID YOU KNOW?

Hospital pharmacists are experts in medication therapy. They are crucial members of the health care team, along with physicians, nurses, dietitians, social workers, and other health professionals. Their specialized knowledge about medications contributes to decisions about medication therapy for patients.

The hospital pharmacist's role is very diverse:

- Participating in medical rounds (review of patient cases) by the health care team.
- Ensuring that patients receive the correct dose of the correct medication at the correct time.
- Evaluating the patient's medication list before, during and after the hospital stay, to ensure accuracy and appropriateness. This type of work is also known as medication reconciliation.
- Making sure that patients know what medication has been prescribed and that they understand the correct way to use it and its expected effects.
- Working with the health care team to determine whether medication therapy is having the desired response and if not, evaluating the patient to find out if medication therapy changes are needed.