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CSHP SUPPORTS AND ENCOURAGES THE INNOVATIVE USE OF PHARMACY TECHNICIANS AS A MEANS OF ACHIEVING THE GOAL OF INCREASED PHARMACIST INVOLVEMENT IN DIRECT PATIENT CARE ACTIVITIES.

The intent of this document is to express the position of CSHP with regard to the role of the pharmacy technician in the provision of pharmacy services, complementing the role of the pharmacist and optimization of patient care.

Where functions previously performed by a pharmacist are delegated to pharmacy technicians, it is essential that appropriate training be provided. A certification process specific to the function should be utilized to ensure the technician is capable of performing the task to a specified degree of competency. Written procedures or guidelines should be employed along with quality assurance mechanisms.

CSHP endorses the concept that pharmacists who are ultimately accountable for the provision of pharmacy services have the authority to determine which functions may be delegated to pharmacy technicians or other support personnel, with consideration being given to appropriate training, quality assurance and legal requirements.

Pharmacists and pharmacy organizations should collaborate with regulatory authorities to ensure that regulations governing the certification and utilization of pharmacy technicians are compatible with the support of the pharmacist in the provision of direct patient care.

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