

Committee: New York City Society of Health-system Pharmacists

Topic: Inclusion of Pharmacy Technicians in Medication Reconciliation

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Whereas, numerous studies have demonstrated between 50 to 70 percent of admitted patient's initial medication histories contain at least one error,<sup>1</sup> and that the direct cost of drug-related morbidity and mortality attributed to hospital admissions exceeded 121 billion dollars<sup>2</sup>

Whereas, effective medication reconciliation is necessary to optimize patient safety

Whereas, increased training for technicians in the institutional setting have led to the development of highly skilled pharmacy technicians who have important roles and responsibilities in the medication use process

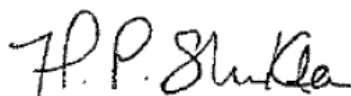
Whereas, medication reconciliation programs have demonstrated that a collaborative approach with pharmacy technicians and pharmacists providing medication history and reconciliation services can identify medication and other dose-related discrepancies<sup>3</sup>

Resolved that,

New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports inclusion of pharmacy technicians in pharmacy-led medication reconciliation services to improve patient safety and transitions of care.

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<sup>1</sup> P T. 2018;43(11):676-684.

<sup>2</sup> [www.ashp.org/Pharmacy-Technician/About-Pharmacy-Technicians/Advanced-Pharmacy-Technician-Roles/Medication-Reconciliation-Technician](http://www.ashp.org/Pharmacy-Technician/About-Pharmacy-Technicians/Advanced-Pharmacy-Technician-Roles/Medication-Reconciliation-Technician)

<sup>3</sup> Pharm Practice. 2017;15(2):901.