

**NYCSHP Division of Pharmacy Practice**

The Committee on Professional Affairs recommends that the following NYSCHP Policies be allowed to sunset in 2015:

- 1-10 Vaccine Documentation Requirements
- 3-10 ACA Information
- 4-10 Documenting in the HER
- 6-10 Pediatric Med Safety
- 2-12 E-Prescribing of Controlled Substances
- 6-06 Conscience Clause

The Committee on Professional Affairs recommends that the following NYSCHP Policies be renewed in 2015:

- (5-10) The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists (NYSCHP) supports the authorization of pharmacy interns who have completed immunizer training and other requirements to participate in immunization activities as per NYS legislation under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist and certified immunizer.
- (7-10) The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports ASHP's position statement on conscience clause: To recognize the right of pharmacists, as healthcare providers, and other pharmacy employees to decline to participate personally in therapies they consider to be morally, religiously, or ethically troubling therapies; further, To support the proactive establishment of timely and convenient systems by pharmacists and their employees that protect the patient's right to obtain legally prescribed and medically indicated treatments while reasonably accommodating in a nonpunitive manner the right of conscience; further, To support the principle that a pharmacist exercising the right of conscience must be respectful and serve the legitimate health care needs and desires of the patient and shall provide a referral without any actions to persuade, coerce, or otherwise impose on the patient the pharmacist's values, beliefs, or objections.

**Resolutions to the House of Delegates**

*The Committee on Professional Affairs respectfully submits the following resolutions:*

Committee: Pharmacy Practice; Professional Affairs

Topic: **Pharmacist Scope of Practice in Public Health Emergencies**

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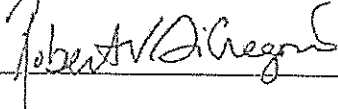
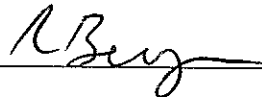
Whereas, Pharmacists are oft sought in public health emergencies to provide emergent patient care for the prevention, mitigation, and cure of disease, and,

Whereas, Pharmacists have the knowledge and training to provide expertise in such public health crisis, therefore, be it

Resolved That:

**The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports the utilization of pharmacists to the fullest extent of the scope of practice in public emergencies in accord with any executive order created during the public emergency. The scope of practice includes but is not limited to prescribing, dispensing, and administration of certain medications.**

Date: March 5, 2015

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Robert DiGregorio

Robert Berger

Committee: Pharmacy Practice; Professional Affairs  
Topic: Pediatric Medication Safety  
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Whereas, The intricate nature of high alert medications and high risk populations requires that there be a unified pharmacy voice, advocating a comprehensive approach to reducing medication errors as well as promoting preventative care, and,

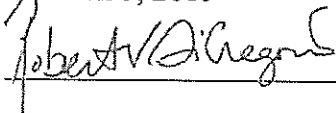
Whereas, Consistent with our professional mission, NYSCHP strives to promote safety and well-being by heighten awareness of contributory factors to medication errors, encouraging multidisciplinary risk reduction-strategy dialog, as well as promoting strategies which foster safety and well-being, and,

Whereas, Understanding the unique nature of these medications and populations, therefore, be it

Resolved That:

NYSCHP will focus on enhancing professional knowledge, promoting contribution to the medical and quality improvement literature, as well as influence systems designs and decision support to address specific needs. NYSCHP supports recommendations from federal, state, and local regulatory agencies, professional organizations such as American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, health care regulatory entities, such as Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, as well as professional patient advocacy organizations such as the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, whose missions' include promoting overall patient safety. NYSCHP will strive to positively influence laws and regulations independently, as well as in collaboration with other organizations and or regulatory authorities to promote safer medication practices as well as advocating for overall improvements in patient care.

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By: 

Robert DiGregorio



Robert Berger

The Committee on Support Personnel recommends that the following NYSCHP Policies be allowed to sunset in 2015:

- 3-07 Medication Reconciliation

*The Committee on Support Personnel respectfully submits the following resolutions:*

**Resolutions to the House of Delegates**

Committee: Support Personnel

Topic: Medication Reconciliation

Sponsored: Robert DiGregorio, Matthew Rewald

Whereas, At the time of hospitalization, a complete and accurate medication history is necessary to provide optimal patient care. If this history is incorrectly documented the patient is put at risk for development of a serious medication error, and,

Whereas, Studies have demonstrated that these inadvertent changes to a medication regimen lead to a clinically important error up to 60% of the time. These errors are often continued throughout the patient's hospital stay and at discharge., and,

Whereas, Repeated hospitalizations, transfer to different levels of care, patients' ignorance of their medications and inadequate communication between caregivers are among the contributing factors to this problem, and,

Whereas, "Reconciling" the medication list during a patient's hospital stay can minimize the potential for an error to occur, therefore, be it Resolved That:

The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports the pharmacist's active participation in the design, implementation and monitoring of the medication reconciliation process.

The following aspects should be considered the responsibility of the pharmacist:

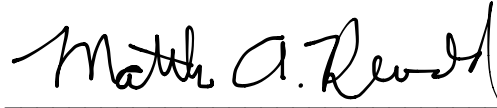
- Participate and collaborate in interdisciplinary efforts to develop, implement, maintain, and monitor the effectiveness of the medication reconciliation process
- To be part of the leadership in this interdisciplinary effort and in developing systems to ensure the accuracy and completeness of all medication lists taken at admission and for communication of a reconciled list of medications at any change in level of care and at discharge
- Encourage community-based providers, hospitals, and health-systems to collaborate in organized medication reconciliation programs to promote overall continuity of patient care

- Participate in the educational efforts directed toward patients and caregivers on their responsibility to retain an up-to-date and readily accessible list of medications
- To collaborate with patients and caregivers in the provision of a personal medication list as part of patient education and counseling efforts
- **To enlist and supervise pharmacy interns and certified technicians in all aspects of the medication reconciliation process.**

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Matthew Rewald

Committee: Support Personnel

Topic: Board of Director to Include Pharmacy Technician Representation

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Whereas, NYSCHP has recognized the collaborative role that Pharmacists and Technician share in support of safe medication practices, and,

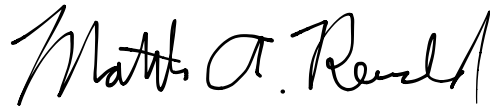
Whereas, NYSCHP has endorsed the certification of unlicensed personnel as Technicians in New York State, and,

Whereas, NYSCHP is well positioned to represent and support Pharmacy Technicians through legislative, educational, and networking endeavors, therefore, be it Resolved That:

**The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists amends its Constitution and By-Laws to include an elected voting member of the Board of Directors to represent Technicians.**

Date: March 5, 2014

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Robert DiGregorio

Matthew Rewald