

64B16-27.4001 Delegation to and Supervision of Pharmacy Technicians; Responsibility of Supervising Pharmacist.

(1) Delegation: A pharmacist shall not delegate more tasks than he or she can personally supervise and ensure compliance with this rule. A pharmacist may delegate those non-discretionary delegable tasks enumerated in rule 64B16-27.420, F.A.C., to the following types of pharmacy technicians:

(a) Registered Pharmacy Technicians (RPT): are those technicians who are duly registered with the board pursuant to section 465.014(2), F.S.;

(b) Pharmacy Technicians in Training (PTT): are those technicians who are receiving practical (non-didactic) training in delegable tasks as part of employer-sponsored or non-employer sponsored board-approved pharmacy technician training programs who are not required to be duly registered with the board as pharmacy technicians.

(2) Supervision: Delegated tasks must be performed under the direct supervision of a pharmacist and pursuant to the following definitions and requirements:

(a) **Direct Supervision**: means supervision by a pharmacist who is readily and immediately available at all times the delegated tasks are being performed; who is aware of delegated tasks being performed; and who provides personal assistance, direction and approval throughout the time the delegated tasks are being performed. “**Readily and immediately available**” means the pharmacist and technician(s) are on the same physical premises, or **if not, technology is used to enable real time, two-way communications between the pharmacist and technician(s).**

(b) Use of Technology: A pharmacist, as an adjunct to assist in the direct supervision of the pharmacy technician, may employ technological means to communicate with or observe the pharmacy technician. A pharmacist shall make certain all applicable state and federal laws, including, but not limited to confidentiality, are fully observed when employing technological means of communication and observation. **If technology is being used to provide direct supervision of pharmacy technician(s), such technology shall be sufficient to provide the personal assistance, direction and approval required to meet the standard of practice for the delegated tasks.**

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