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Community Pharmacy

- A retail pharmacy practice that services prescriptions directly to the public.
 - Sell over-the-counter (OTC) products.
- Approximately two thirds of all prescription drugs in the U.S. are dispensed by community pharmacies.
- More technicians and pharmacists are employed in community pharmacies than any other area.
- The role of community pharmacist and in counseling and education patients is steadily increasing.
 - Adds more responsibility to dispense by technicians.

Types of Pharmacies
 Independent Pharmacies
 Owned by the pharmacist or groups of pharmacists.

A pharmacist owner makes his or her own decisions regarding the practice of pharmacy.

Most compounding of prescriptions is done in this type of pharmacy.

A franchise pharmacy, also called apothecary, is a member of a small chain of professional community pharmacies that are independently owned.

Types of Community Pharmacies Others Types

Mass Merchandiser Pharmacies

 A regional & national community pharmacy that sells mass merchandise with in-store pharmacies.
 Examples: Costco, Kiviart, Target, Walmart

Food Store Pharmacies

Regional or national food store chains
 Examples: A&P, Eagle, Giant, Kroger's, Pathmark

Role of Pharmacy Technician in a Community Pharmacy

Pharmacy technicians employed in a community pharmacy typically

- Aid the pharmacist in the filling, labeling, and recording of prescriptions.
- Operate and responsible for the pharmacy cash register.
- Stock and inventory prescription and over-thecounter (OTC) medications.
- Maintain computerized patient records.
 - Prepare insurance claim forms.
 - Order and maintain parts of the front-end stock.

Prescription-Filling Process

Step 1: Receive Prescription and Review Patient Profile
Initial check of all key pieces of information is vital.
Thoughtful and thorough initial review reduces the chances that an unidentified error will continue through the filling process.

Legibility to make sure information is easily read and understood.

Clarify any questions.

Other Duties - OTC Products

The pharmacy technician should know
 The names and locations of the various OTC and other products carried in the pharmacy.

The technician should NOT recommend OTC products to pharmacy customers.

For example, many cough and cold preparations contain ingredients that may increase blood pressure and worsen a diabetic condition.

The technician should refer patients asking about OTC products to the pharmacist.

Figure 1

Community pharmacy in the United Kingdom is reaching a tipping point under five forces for change



Types of Community/Retail Pharmacies

- Independents
- Chain
- Mass merchandiser
- Food store



Organization

- Prescription counter
- Transaction windows
 Prescription bins,
- Storage
- Sink
- Refrigeration
- Computer system

- Equipment
 - Prescription bins, shelves, spinners



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Destruction of Controlled Drugs (CDs) in Community Pharmacy



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