

## Student Outreach & Engagement Supervision Policy

### Overview

Students at The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy provide a variety of service activities to communities. These activities range from education to patient care. This policy provides guidance on supervision for service activities students engage in as representatives of The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy (OSUCOP).

### Education

Educational programs may be provided by OSUCOP students to individuals or communities without pharmacist or qualified faculty or staff supervision only if the materials being used for education are part of a toolkit or presentation that has been approved by an OSUCOP faculty member and/or student organization advisor. Students are permitted to present only the approved materials. If part of a student organization activity, these materials must be approved annually by the organization's faculty advisor or reviewed by another faculty member with expertise in the area with final approval by the organization's faculty advisor. If questions arise with individuals attending the educational session *beyond* the content contained in the approved materials, **students will not provide any personalized counseling or guidance that constitutes the "practice of pharmacy"**. Instead, the students may refer the requester to seek consult with their pharmacist or other health care provider.

### Practice of Pharmacy

Practice of pharmacy is defined in the [Ohio Revised Code 4729.01](#) as follows as of March 5, 2024. This policy adheres to the most updated ORC 4729.01, which can be found online in Ohio Laws & Administrative Rules.

(B) "Practice of pharmacy" means providing pharmacist care requiring specialized knowledge, judgment, and skill derived from the principles of biological, chemical, behavioral, social, pharmaceutical, and clinical sciences. As used in this division, "pharmacist care" includes the following:

- (1) Interpreting prescriptions;
- (2) Dispensing drugs and drug therapy related devices;
- (3) Compounding drugs;
- (4) Counseling individuals with regard to their drug therapy, recommending drug therapy related devices, and assisting in the selection of drugs and appliances for treatment of common diseases and injuries and providing instruction in the proper use of the drugs and appliances;
- (5) Performing drug regimen reviews with individuals by discussing all of the drugs that the individual is taking and explaining the interactions of the drugs;
- (6) Performing drug utilization reviews with licensed health professionals authorized to prescribe drugs when the pharmacist determines that an individual with a prescription has a drug regimen that warrants additional discussion with the prescriber;
- (7) Advising an individual and the health care professionals treating an individual with regard to the individual's drug therapy;

- (8) Acting pursuant to a consult agreement with one or more physicians authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery, if an agreement has been established;
- (9) Engaging in the administration of immunizations to the extent authorized by section 4729.41 of the Revised Code.

Any activities in which students engage that fit this definition of “practice of pharmacy” requires on-site supervision for the entirety of the activity by a licensed pharmacist.

**Liability**

OSUCOP Students who comply with this policy are protected under the University malpractice insurance policy. Activities performed outside the parameters described in this policy are not covered by University malpractice insurance, and the people performing the activities are liable for their own actions and any consequences for these actions due to noncompliance.

Noncompliance with this policy will be considered a violation of “Honor System for Doctor of Pharmacy Students” and enforced as such.

**Minors**

The Ohio State University defines rules to guide interactions with minors. Please refer to [“Activities and Programs with Minor Participants Policy 1.50”](#) for guidance on student, faculty, or staff interaction with minors.