

Expanded Role of Pharmacy Technicians: Tech-check-Tech

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Background

The vision of the Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners is "Pharmacists will be the healthcare professionals responsible for providing patient care that ensures optimal medication therapy outcomes."⁶ As the profession works towards this vision and the demands for pharmacist provided services change, regulators need to seek safe pathways to support this advancement in patient care.

Tech-check-Tech (TCT) is a strategy that can be employed to delegate tasks that will allow the

pharmacist to shift towards patient-centered activities.^{3,8} Most studies show errors occur more frequently at the prescribing and administration phases, not the dispensing stage, indicating that pharmacists may be more effective at preventing errors by being more involved in those two stages.³

TCT Permitted in Many States

TCT is permitted in 15 states by legislation, with six states allowing its use in community pharmacy. Numerous other states allow variances or are developing rules/regulations for TCT.^{3,4,5}

