

# Sample Scope of Practice

## Clinical Pharmacist

### Drug Therapy Management Protocol for Diabetes

- This drug therapy management protocol is done to comply with the pharmacy and medical practice acts regarding drug therapy management (DTM) by a pharmacist under written protocol of a physician. The procedures, protocols, practices, and other items contained within these documents are intended to be helpful reminders for the pharmacists and physicians of this institution. In no instance should the contents of these documents be considered as standards of professional practice or as rules of conduct or for the benefit of any third party. The documents herein are guidelines only and allow for professional discretion and deviation where the individual health care provider deems variation to be appropriate as allowed by law.
- The individual physicians authorized to prescribe drugs and responsible for the delegation of DTM are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ within the Internal Medicine department.
- The clinical pharmacist authorized to prescribe drugs under the physician-initiated protocol and who will carry out the DTM as delegated is \_\_\_\_\_.
- In accordance with the incorporated treatment guidelines, the clinical pharmacist may provide care for patients in the department under the physician-initiated protocol to include the following:
  - A. Assesses patients' therapeutic needs as specified by physician consultation. Disease states and ailments include but are not limited to diabetes mellitus, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, smoking cessation, and obesity.
  - B. Evaluates pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic treatment regimens.
  - C. Orders, interprets, and conducts all pertinent laboratory studies.
  - D. Initiates and adjusts drugs in accordance with attached pharmacologic privileges.
  - E. Provides patient education regarding disease state(s), and pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic therapy.
  - F. Documents patient visits, patient care, and treatment decisions in the medical record. The referring physician will have access to such medical records. The referring physician will also be copied on visit dictations.
  - G. Consults with referring physician and other members of the health care team, as appropriate, to include ancillary services (podiatry, dietary, social work, physical therapy, occupational therapy, etc.), general medicine, ophthalmology, nephrology, and endocrinology. Other subspecialty medicine consults will be in consultation with the referring physician.
  - H. Obtains authorization from the physician for deviations from the protocol.
  - I. The schedule for physician review and status reports to the physician is based on each individual patient. The services provided to the patient by the pharmacist will be copied to or provided to the physician after each clinic visit and on an as-needed basis. A supervising physician will also meet on a monthly basis with the clinical pharmacist to review the DTM protocol and patient care.
  - J. This protocol does not delegate diagnosis to the clinical pharmacist.
  - K. The clinical pharmacist may use the attached treatment guidelines for DTM for diabetes and associated coronary artery disease risk factors that include but are not limited to hyperlipidemia, hypertension, smoking cessation, and obesity.

**This drug therapy management protocol was formulated and approved by:**

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Physician Signature/Date Physician Signature/Date

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Director, Pharmacy Services/Date Assistant Director, Clinical Pharmacy Services/Date

**Requesting Practitioner:**

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Clinical Pharmacist/Date

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