

**Title 10**  
**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
**Subtitle 34 BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**10.34.10 Pharmacist, Pharmacy Intern, and Pharmacy Technician Code of Conduct**

Authority: Health Occupations Article, §§12-212, 12-205, and 12-601, Annotated Code of Maryland

**.01 Patient Safety and Welfare.**

**A. A pharmacist shall:**

- (1) Abide by all federal and State laws relating to the practice of pharmacy and the dispensing, distribution, storage, and labeling of drugs and devices, including but not limited to:

- a) United States Code, Title 21,
- b) Health-General Article, Titles 21 and 22, Annotated Code of Maryland,
- c) Health Occupations Article, Title 12, Annotated Code of Maryland
- d) Criminal Law Article, Title 5, Annotated Code of Maryland, and
- e) COMAR 10.19.03;

- (2) Verify the accuracy of the prescription before dispensing the drug or device if the pharmacist has reason to believe that the prescription contains an error; and
- (3) Maintain proper sanitation, hygiene, biohazard precautions, and infection control when performing tasks in the prescription process.

**B. A pharmacist may not:**

- (1) Engage in conduct which departs from the standard of care ordinarily exercised by a pharmacist;
- (2) Practice pharmacy under circumstances or conditions which prevent the proper exercise of professional judgment; or
- (3) Engage in unprofessional conduct.

**C. Therapeutic Interchange.**

- (1) A pharmacist may not perform a therapeutic interchange without the prior approval of the authorized prescriber as provided in §C(2) of this regulation.
- (2) A pharmacist who provides a pharmacy service to a patient of a hospital, as defined in Health-General Article, §19-301, Annotated Code of Maryland, or a resident of a comprehensive care or extended care facility, as defined in COMAR 10.07.02.01B, may perform a therapeutic interchange without the prior approval of the authorized prescriber if the governing body of the hospital, comprehensive care facility, or extended care facility has established procedures for therapeutic interchange.
- (3) This section does not permit any act not otherwise authorized by Health Occupations Article, Title 12, Annotated Code of Maryland