

Title 10 MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Subtitle 34 BOARD OF PHARMACY

Chapter 07 Pharmacy Equipment

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.01 Definitions.

A. In this chapter, the following term has the meaning indicated.

B. Term Defined. "Material safety data sheets" means a list of hazardous chemicals that provides detailed information on each hazardous chemical, including its potential hazardous effects, its physical and chemical characteristics and recommendations for appropriate protective measures.

.01-1 Equipment.

A pharmacy shall have the following equipment to carry out the practice of pharmacy in Maryland:

A. If applicable, a Class A prescription balance and weights, or a prescription balance with equivalent or superior sensitivity to a Class A prescription balance;

B. A refrigerator, solely for the storage of drugs requiring refrigeration, with a thermometer or a temperature monitoring device; and

C. A freezer, *with a thermometer or a temperature monitoring device*, if applicable.

.02 Additional Equipment.

The pharmacy shall maintain additional equipment to enable it to prepare and dispense prescriptions properly consistent with its scope of practice.

.03 Reference Libraries.

A. A pharmacy permit holder shall maintain an adequate reference library to enable it to prepare and dispense prescriptions properly, consistent with its scope of practice.

B. A pharmacy permit holder shall maintain a library of reference sources appropriate to the type of pharmacy practice at that particular location. A pharmacy permit holder shall include in the pharmacy's library current material regarding the technical, clinical, and professional aspects of practice with emphasis in the area in which the pharmacy specializes.

B-1. A pharmacy permit holder may utilize websites and electronic references created by established medical publishers which are recognized as standard for a particular type of pharmacy practice as a supplement to its printed library.

C. A pharmacy permit holder shall maintain a library containing reference sources that:

(1) Enable the pharmacist to compound medications in a safe and effective manner;

(2) List the possible drug interactions and possible adverse effects of medications dispensed by the pharmacy;

- (3) List the therapeutic usage and dosages of medications dispensed by the pharmacy;
- (4) List the therapeutic equivalents for medications; and
- (5) Provide guidelines for the counseling of patients.

D. A pharmacy permit holder that specializes in nuclear or parenteral prescriptions may limit the library it maintains pursuant to §B of this regulation to the pharmacy permit holder's area of specialization.

E. A pharmacy permit holder shall maintain material safety data sheets, if applicable.