



## What role do your duties fall into?



### Tier 1 (pharmacist) – includes pharmacy technician duties

#### Pharmacy technician

- Receiving and verifying the accuracy and authenticity of prescriptions.
- Calculating the price of prescriptions.
- Reviewing and recording patient information with their prescription in compliance with the guidelines of the General Pharmaceutical Council.
- Stocking the pharmacy with inventory.
- Providing instructions to educate people on the correct way to take their medicine.
- Supporting the pharmacist in the daily operation of the pharmacy.
- Protecting employees and patients by adhering to infection-control protocols and policies.
- Disbursing completed and confirmed prescriptions to patients.
- Answering incoming calls and fielding patient questions.
- Maintaining a clean and safe pharmacy by complying with regulations, rules and procedures.

#### Pharmacist

Acceptable duties include pharmacy technician criteria plus working autonomously or as part of a team to provide advice on medicines and undertake administrative and tactical aspects of medicines management. Provides health promotion and preventative care. This role requires GP supervision and ongoing audit.

Acceptable duties include:

- providing prescribing support, advice, education and training to GP practice staff and patients
- cascading and actioning drug recalls
- cascading any safety updates/stock shortages
- management of medicines on transfer of care/liaison with community colleagues
- management of practice formularies
- practice-based medication audit work and protocols
- contributing to public health campaigns
- monitoring the effects of medications by checking clinical signs, ie BP, blood sugar and pulse monitoring
- review pathology results for patients on known medicines.

This role does not involve the independent assessment/diagnosis of patients (including minor illness/injury), or the independent monitoring of chronic disease or long-term conditions.

## Tier 2 (clinical pharmacist)

Tier one criteria plus clinical management of self-limiting conditions and review of patients with long-term conditions.

Acceptable duties include **Tier 1** plus:

- monitoring the effects of medicines by checking clinical symptoms and signs
- developing pharmacist led-clinics
- anticoagulant monitoring
- providing training on medicines management and therapeutics for other medical practitioners (OMPs)
- supervising junior pharmacists
- **administration of vaccines** (where trained and competent to do so)
- independent prescribing, repeating prescribing where appropriate

- review and/or treatment of patients with self-limiting conditions where a doctor has made the initial diagnosis
- managing and monitoring repeat prescriptions/medication reviews (face-to-face or otherwise) for chronic disease, long term conditions
- triage of patients (telephone triage excluded).

**This role does not involve the independent assessment/diagnosis of patients (including minor illness/injury) or on call activity, telephone triage, home visits, walk-in centre work.** All patients must initially be seen, diagnosed and the initial treatment plan must be initiated by a GP. If conditions are monitored/reviewed by pharmacist then guidelines/protocols for that specific condition, signed off by a GP, must be available and adhered to.

## Tier 3 (consultant/specialist pharmacist)

Clinical role plus autonomous working with patients of all types. Minor illness/injury work. **Undifferentiated/Undiagnosed conditions. Acting in an advanced medical role as a GP would.**

Acceptable duties include **Tier 1 and 2** and:

- the independent and autonomous assessment of undifferentiated and undiagnosed illness in patients presenting to a surgery as they would to a regular GP
- minor illness/injury
- the assessment of the patient including onward referral as well as review and follow-up
- OOH/on call/WIC/extended hours sessions
- telephone triage
- planning and design of clinical trials
- business consultant services.

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