

I would like to lend my voice of support to an expanded role for pharmacists. I manage a home infusion pharmacy and great improvements in patient care and efficiency of services would be experienced if I, as a pharmacist, could directly order kidney and liver function lab work as well as blood draws for serum drug levels. Adjusting dosage based on lab values would optimize safety and efficacy of therapy for a number of key intravenous medications including;

aminoglycosides

vancomycin

bone metabolism regulators such as pamidronate and zoledronate

other antibiotics requiring adjusted dosing in renal failure

electrolytes (Na, Mg, Ca, K)

Sincerely,

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