

I agree with the changes to the scope of practice for pharmacists. Having to call the doctor for medication adjustments is merely a delay in therapy, and it is unnecessary as pharmacists are the drug experts and are in the best position to make changes to drug formulations, continue therapy (i.e. authorize refills) while patients are waiting for another doctors appointment, teach/administer inhalation/injectable drugs, or adjust medication doses/forms based on laboratory tests/responses. Physicians are busy and get annoyed with unnecessary phone calls - plus, their expertise lies in diagnosing the problems, whereas pharmacists' expertise is medication management and monitoring. I think the above changes would enhance patient care by minimizing delays in therapy, plus it would make use of the skills pharmacists already have. It is a more efficient use of the healthcare system.

Thanks,

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