

**33-24-157. Immunization administration.**

(a) A pharmacist licensed under this act may only prescribe and administer immunizations recommended for healthy individuals age seven (7) and older in a private space utilized for counseling and administering immunizations to ensure patient safety and confidentiality as authorized by the board. Parental consent shall be required for prescriptions for immunizations and for administration of immunizations pursuant to this section for any minor child. A pharmacist administering vaccinations pursuant to this section shall enter a record of the immunization in the Wyoming immunization registry operated by the department of health. Nothing in this subsection shall be deemed to require any pharmacist to administer immunizations to individuals who are less than thirteen (13) years of age. No employer shall discriminate against a pharmacist on the basis that the pharmacist determines not to administer immunizations to individuals who are less than thirteen (13) years of age.

(b) A pharmacist licensed under this act may administer immunizations to adults who are considered high risk only by prescription from a licensed physician.

(c) The board, in cooperation with the Wyoming state board of medicine, shall adopt rules specifying immunizations allowed under this act and the requirements a pharmacist shall meet in order to prescribe and administer immunizations, including requirements for spaces in which immunizations shall be administered by a pharmacist.

(d) A pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician who is licensed by and registers with the board may administer immunizations only under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist who is registered to administer immunizations. No employer shall discriminate against a pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician on the basis that the pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician chooses not to register with the board.

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(d) A pharmacy technician shall meet the following qualifications to administer immunizations:

(i) Register with the Board to administer immunizations;

(ii) Successfully complete:

(A) The American Pharmacists Association's (APhA) immunization training certification program entitled "Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery" or;

(B) The Washington State Pharmacy Association's immunization training certification program entitled "Vaccinating Adults and Adolescents: An Immunization Program Practicum Session" or;

(C) Other equivalent training certification program approved by the Board.

(iii) Successfully complete training specific to administering vaccines to the pediatric population if they will be administering to minors;

(iv) Hold a current certification in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); and

(v) Complete a minimum of one (1) contact hour (0.1 CEU) of continuing education related to immunizations annually. The continuing education must be by a provider approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).

(d)(e) A pharmacy intern who is registered to administer immunizations shall do so under the direct supervision of the pharmacist who is registered to administer immunizations.

**33-24-101. Short title; definitions.**

(a) This act means W.S. 33-24-101 through 33-24-301 and shall be known as the "Wyoming Pharmacy Act".

(b) As used in this act:

~~(i) "Direct supervision" means that a licensed pharmacist shall be physically present and capable of observing the actions of a pharmacy technician except at telepharmacies where video oversight is maintained;~~

**33-24-301. Pharmacy technicians; licensing; definitions; revocation or suspension of license; letter of admonition; information required for background checks.**

(a) This section shall be known as the "Wyoming Pharmacy Technician Act."

(b) As used in this section:

~~(i) "Direct supervision" means that a licensed pharmacist shall be physically present and capable of observing the actions of a pharmacy technician;~~

## **Additional Research: Other States Approach to Pharmacy Technician's Immunizing**

### Utah

A pharmacy technician may administer vaccines and emergency medications pursuant to delegation by a pharmacist under the [Vaccine Administration Protocol: Standing Order to Administer Immunizations and Emergency Medications](#), adopted March 26, 2019, by the Division in collaboration with the Utah State Board of Pharmacy and Utah Physicians Licensing Board, as posted on the Division website, if the pharmacy technician:

- (a) Has completed the following appropriate training required by Section R156-17b-621;
  - a. BLS Certification
  - b. Didactic and practical training
  - c. Management of anaphylactic reactions
  - d. Sources for training include ACPE approved programs, ACPE accredited colleges of pharmacy, ASHP accredited pharmacy technician program, state or local health department programs, other board recognized providers
- (b) is under "direct", on-site supervision by the delegating pharmacist as defined in R156-1-102a(4)(a); and
- (c) for each renewal cycle after the initial training, has completed a minimum of two hours of continuing education in immunization or vaccine-related topics in accordance with R156-17-309.
- (d) The "Vaccine Administration Protocol: Standing Order to Administer Immunizations and Emergency Medications", adopted March 26, 2019, by the Division in collaboration with the Utah State Board of Pharmacy and the Utah Physicians Licensing Board, as posted on the Division website, is the guideline or standard for pharmacist administration of vaccines and emergency medications, and for pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician administration pursuant to delegation by a pharmacist.

### Rhode Island [216-RICR-40-15-1.11](#)

A Pharmacy Technician II [certified pharmacy technician] may perform only those tasks for which he/she has been trained and in which there is proficiency as determined by the pharmacist-in-charge, but in no case, shall ever exceed what is permitted by Regulation, law, or scope of practice. In addition to performing the duties and responsibilities stipulated above for Pharmacy Technician I, a Pharmacy Technician II may perform the following duties:

(1) A Pharmacy Technician II request refill authorizations from the prescriber or prescriber's agent and, with the approval of the pharmacist on duty, transfer and receive new prescription information and changes to prescriptions from the prescriber or agent, except where otherwise prohibited by Federal or State laws and Regulations, **provide immunizations**, perform sterile and non-sterile compounding, and clarify prescription or medication orders.

8. A pharmacist shall not delegate the administration of immunizations to another person, except;

b. A Technician II who has completed a recognized certificate training course on appropriate immunization administration technique and holds a current basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training certificate, shall be permitted to administer vaccinations under the direct supervision and with the authorization of an immunizing pharmacist when;

(1) The immunizing pharmacist has completed all of the requirements pursuant to § 1.11 of this Part prior to administration of the vaccination.

(2) The immunizing pharmacist is on the premises for post-immunization monitoring of the patient.

## Idaho

03. Delegation of Administration. An immunizing pharmacist may delegate the technical task of administering an immunization to a student pharmacist or a certified technician under their supervision who: (3-29-17)

a. Holds a current certification in basic life support for healthcare providers offered by the American Heart Association or a comparable Board-recognized certification program that includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated electronic defibrillator (AED) training and requires a hands-on skills assessment by an authorized instructor; and (3-29-17)

b. Has successfully completed a course on appropriate immunization administration techniques by an ACPE-accredited provider or a comparable course; or (3-29-17)

c. Has successfully completed the pharmacist qualifications specified under this rule.