

ARTICLE 4. PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES

R4-23-411. Pharmacist-administered Adult Immunizations

A. Authority to administer immunizations, vaccines, and, in an emergency, epinephrine and diphenhydramine to an eligible adult patient. As used in this Section, "eligible adult patient" means an eligible patient 18 years of age or older. ~~If a pharmacist meets the qualifications and standards specified by this Section and the Board certifies the pharmacist, the pharmacist may, upon receipt of a valid prescription order, administer vaccines listed in the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule, published October 1, 2008, and no future amendments or editions, which is incorporated by reference, vaccines recommended in the CDC Health Information for International Travel 2008, published May 15, 2007, and no future amendments or editions, which is incorporated by reference, and, in an emergency, epinephrine and diphenhydramine to an eligible adult patient. The documents incorporated by reference are on file with the Board and available from the CDC at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/adult-schedule.htm> and <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/contentYellowBook.aspx>. The Board shall certify a pharmacist who meets the qualifications established in subsection (B):~~ A pharmacist may administer, without a prescription, immunizations or vaccines and, in an emergency, epinephrine and diphenhydramine to an eligible adult patient, if:

1. The pharmacist meets the qualifications and standards specified by A.R.S. § 32-1974 and this Section;
2. The Board certifies the pharmacist as specified in subsection (B);
3. The immunization or vaccine is listed in the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule; or the immunization or vaccine is recommended in the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Health Information for International Travel; and
4. The immunization or vaccine is not on the Arizona Department of Health Services list established in R9-6-1301 as required under A.R.S. § 32-1974 and specified in subsection (G).

A pharmacist who has authority to administer immunizations or vaccines and, in an emergency, epinephrine and diphenhydramine to an eligible adult patient shall not delegate the authority to any other pharmacist or employee.

B. Qualifications for authorization to administer immunizations or vaccines and, in an emergency, epinephrine and diphenhydramine to an eligible adult patient. After receipt of a completed application form, the Board shall issue a certificate authorizing the administration of immunizations or vaccines and, in an emergency, epinephrine and diphenhydramine to an eligible adult patient to a pharmacist who meets the following qualifications:

1. Has a current, unrestricted license to practice pharmacy in this state;
2. Successfully completes a training program specified in subsection (C); and
3. Has a current certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

C. Pharmacist-administered adult immunizations training program requirements. A training program for pharmacists to administer immunizations or vaccines and, in

an emergency, epinephrine and diphenhydramine to an eligible adult patient shall include the following courses of study:

1. Basic immunology and the human immune response;
2. Mechanics of immunity, adverse effects, dose, and administration schedule of available vaccines;
3. Response to an emergency situation as a result of the administration of an immunization, including administering epinephrine and diphenhydramine to counteract the adverse effects of an immunization given based on approved protocol or a patient-specific prescription order received before administering the immunization;
4. Administration of intramuscular injections;
5. Other immunization administration methods; and
6. Recordkeeping and reporting requirements specified in subsection (D).

D. Recordkeeping and reporting requirements.

1. ~~In addition to filing the prescription order as required in A.R.S. § 32-1964, a~~ A pharmacist granted authorization under this Section to administer immunizations or vaccines and, in an emergency, epinephrine and diphenhydramine to an eligible adult patient shall provide to the pharmacy the following documentation regarding each immunization or vaccine administered:
 - a. The name, address, and date of birth of the patient;
 - b. The date of administration and site of injection;
 - c. The name, dose, manufacturer's lot number, and expiration date of the vaccine, epinephrine, or diphenhydramine;
 - d. The name and address of the patient's primary health care provider or physician, as identified by the patient;
 - e. ~~The name and address of the prescribing medical practitioner, if different from the patient's primary health care provider;~~
 - f. The name of the pharmacist administering the immunization;
 - ~~g.f.~~ A record of the pharmacist's consultation with the patient determining that the patient is an eligible patient as defined in R4-23-110;
 - ~~h.g.~~ The date and time that the written report specified in subsection (D)(2) was sent to the patient's primary health care provider or physician;
 - ~~i.h.~~ Consultation or other professional information provided to the patient by the pharmacist; and
 - ~~j.i.~~ The name of the vaccine information sheet provided to the patient.
2. The pharmacist shall provide a written report to the patient's primary health care provider or physician containing the documentation required in subsection (D)(1) within ~~14 days of~~ 48 hours after the immunization. The pharmacy shall make the required records specified in subsection (D)(1) and a record of compliance with this subsection available in the pharmacy for inspection by the Board or its designee.
3. A pharmacy's pharmacist-in-charge shall maintain the records required in subsection (D)(1) in the pharmacy for a minimum of seven years from the immunization's administration date.

E. Confidentiality of records. A pharmacist, pharmacy permittee, or pharmacist-in-

charge shall comply with applicable state and federal privacy statutes and rules when releasing patient health information.

F. Renewal of a certificate for pharmacist-administered adult immunizations. A certificate authorizing a pharmacist to administer immunizations or vaccines and, in an emergency, epinephrine and diphenhydramine to an eligible adult patient shall be renewed biennially by submitting a renewal request within the 30 days before the certificate's expiration date. A pharmacist desiring to renew the certificate shall provide to the Board proof of the following:

1. Current certification in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and
2. Completion of a minimum of two contact hours (0.2 CEU) of continuing education related to immunizations. A pharmacist may use the continuing education hours required in this subsection as part of the total continuing education hours required for pharmacist license renewal.

G. Pharmacist-administered adult immunizations that require a prescription order. A pharmacist certified by the Board to administer adult immunizations or vaccines shall not administer any immunization or vaccine listed in R9-6-1301 without a prescription order. In addition to filing a prescription order as required in A.R.S. § 32-1964, a pharmacist who administers an immunization or vaccine listed in R9-6-1301 shall comply with the recordkeeping requirements of Section (D)(1).