

Stephen Karcsh

Staff Pharmacist

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- Highly motivated pharmacist, with 12 years of experience in hospital pharmacy, seeking a position within an institution where I can actively utilize my communication and problem solving skills in an effort to provide optimal pharmaceutical care

WORK EXPERIENCE

Staff Pharmacist

Decentralized - June 2005 to November 2013

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Philadelphia, PA

- Review, process, and dispense all physicians' medication orders and IV solution orders, ensuring appropriateness of dosage and use based on patient age, weight and diagnosis
- Make independent decisions about medication therapy, as well as in collaboration with other healthcare team members
- Supervise pharmacy technician extemporaneous compounding, pre-packaging/repackaging of drug products and preparation and compounding of sterile products to ensure correct admixing and proper aseptic technique
- Ensure safe, appropriate, cost effective drug therapies for patients according to established policies and procedures
- Review patient profile and patient clinical status to determine potential interventions regarding pharmacokinetics drug monitoring, contraindications to therapies, duplicate drug therapies, allergies and dosing errors
- Make interventions with medical staff to clarify medication orders with regards to dosage, frequency, route, and indication to optimize patient safety and therapeutic outcomes
- Review chemotherapy orders for accuracy, completeness, and consistency with current guidelines and standards
- Conduct detailed literature searches to provide the most updated clinical information to medical, nursing, and pharmacy staff
- Serve as a preceptor to new employees and students along with training pharmacists, technicians and students
- Participate in education programs for pharmacy staff, attend meetings as required, and committees as needed
- Inpatient hospital pharmacy practice: NICU, CICU, PICU, oncology, general pediatrics, emergency care, OR/anesthesia and TPN

Pharmacy Technician

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia - Philadelphia, PA - March 2001 to May 2005

Preparation and compounding of non sterile products

- Preparation and compounding of sterile products using aseptic techniques
- Restock automated drug dispensing machines (Pyxis)

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Pharmacy

University of the Sciences in Philadelphia - Philadelphia, PA
1999 to 2005