

To: TBRHSC Senior Leadership, Professional Staff, Directors, Managers and Coordinators

From: Carina Desramaux - Pharmacy Manager

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RE: Pharmacist Clinical Services – Critical Level

Pharmacy is currently experiencing a decrease in Pharmacist staffing levels. We currently have between 7-8 pharmacists per day working throughout the inpatient services for the near future.

Pharmacists will continue to perform essential services only. You will notice a decrease in clinical pharmacy services and presence on the floor to ensure we are able to sustain essential functions. These essential functions include:

- Verification of medication orders and drug therapy problem identification and resolution related to those orders
- Therapeutic drug monitoring (i.e. vancomycin, gentamicin)
- Sterile preparation clinical assessment and verification including chemotherapy, Total Parenteral Nutrition
- Consults for initial chemotherapy counseling
- Consults for cardiac medication teaching post-stent when formal consult is received

Pharmacy Technicians and students will continue to provide a best possible medication history (BPMH) on admission. We ask that the prescriber complete the Medication Reconciliation process in the absence of clinical pharmacist services.

If the BPMH has not been addressed by the pharmacist within 24 hrs, we ask that nursing alert the MRP to address and complete Medication Reconciliation.

Thank you for your understanding.

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