WAC 246-904-030  Pharmacist in charge. Every health care entity licensed under this chapter shall designate a pharmacist in charge. The pharmacist in charge may be employed in a full-time capacity or as a pharmacist consultant. The pharmacist in charge must be licensed to practice pharmacy in the state of Washington. The pharmacist in charge designated by a health care entity shall have the authority and responsibility to assure that the area(s) within the health care entity where drugs are stored, compounded, delivered or dispensed are operated in compliance with all applicable state and federal statutes and regulations.

It shall be the responsibility of the pharmacist in charge:

1. To create and implement policy and procedures relating to:
   a. Purchasing, ordering, storing, compounding, delivering, dispensing or administering of controlled substances or legend drugs.
   b. Accuracy of inventory records, patient medical records as related to the administration of controlled substances and legend drugs, and any other records required to be kept by state and federal regulations.
   c. Adequate security of legend drugs and controlled substances.
   d. Controlling access to controlled substances and legend drugs.

2. To assure that the Washington state board of pharmacy is in possession of all current policies and procedures identified in subsection (1) of this section.

3. To execute all forms for the purchase and order of legend drugs and controlled substances.

4. To verify receipt of all legend drugs and controlled substances purchased and ordered by the health care facility.

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