

WAC 246-875-001 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter shall be to insure that a patient medical record system is maintained by all pharmacies and other sites where the dispensing of drugs takes place, in order to insure the health and welfare of the patients served. This system will consist of certain patient and prescription information, and shall provide the pharmacist within the pharmacy means to retrieve all new prescription and refill prescription information relevant to patients of the pharmacy. It shall be designed to provide adequate safeguards against the improper manipulation or alteration of records, and to provide an audit trail. It may be either a manual system or an automated data processing system for the storage and retrieval of prescription and patient information. If an automated data processing system is utilized, an auxiliary recordkeeping procedure shall be available for documentation of new and refill prescriptions in case the automated system is inoperative for any reason. Establishment of a patient medication record system is intended to insure that the information it contains will be reviewed by the pharmacist in a manner consistent with sound professional practice when each prescription is filled.

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