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## PROFILE

Multi-state licensed (CA, NV) pharmacist with extensive experience leveraging pharmacy knowledge to ensure affordability, safety, and high-quality standards within correctional facilities, Indian Health Service (IHS) pharmacies, mental health hospitals, as well as retail, mail order, and PBM settings. Well-versed in supporting and managing all aspects of the pharmacy workflow, providing MTM services, educating patients, administering vaccines, and managing inventory. Adept at collaborating with nurses, physicians, and other healthcare professionals to deliver effective therapeutic plans while training pharmacists and technicians.

## CORE COMPETENCIES

- Pharmacy Operations
- Psychiatric Medications
- Patient Counseling and Education
- Medication Therapy Management (MTM)
- Prior Authorizations and Insurance Claims
- Inventory Management
- Vaccination Programs
- Regulatory Compliance
- Interdisciplinary Collaboration

## PHARMACY EXPERIENCE

### Walmart Pharmacy, Bakersfield, CA

May 2017 – Present

#### Staff Pharmacist

- Manage and train technicians and clerks to support all aspects of workflow within a retail pharmacy with 200-300 scripts per day.
- Interface with physicians, nurses, and other medical staff to provide drug information and make evidence-based therapeutic recommendations.
- Collaborate with healthcare providers to improve pharmacovigilance and provide guidance on regulatory compliance issues.
- Educate patients about medication usage, drug interactions, potential adverse effects, and allergies to provide an optimal patient experience; provide recommendations and information on over-the-counter drugs.
- Review prescriptions, compound, prepare, and dispense drugs, and provide MTM services, including comprehensive medication reviews, targeted interventions, and thorough documentation.
- Verify and dispense prescriptions while maintaining accurate patient records, dosing information, and directions for use.
- Monitor vaccine inventory, storage systems, and logs; administer immunizations to support preventive health efforts.
- Rotate stock weekly and respond to temperature excursions.
- Provide information to patients on non-prescription drugs, surgical supplies, home health care aides, herbal products, vitamins, and nutraceuticals.
- Determine, monitor, and manage drug therapy in collaboration with other health care professionals.

### Wasco State Prison Pharmacy, Wasco, CA

Nov 2015 – Jul 2021

#### Staff Pharmacist

- Conducted anticoagulation monitoring and prepared weekly expiratory reports and monthly narcotic inventory.
- Managed medications used for Substance Use Disorders (SUD) in Road to Recovery programs within California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) facility.
- Evaluated, authorized, and verified accuracy of filled prescriptions.
- Supervised work of technicians and clerks to ensure operational excellence and regulatory compliance.
- Kept records of drugs and narcotics as required by federal and state laws; conducted inspections in various units.
- Refilled Omnicell, restocked crash carts, performed medication dosing per physician request (IV to PO conversion), and managed therapeutic interchanges.
- Reviewed patient's charts and medication regimen.
- Provided drug information to other members of medical team.
- Contributed to maintaining pharmacy rating and obtaining accreditation for individual clinics in facility.

### Newport Oncology & Healthcare Inc., Aptos, CA and Pleasant Valley State Prison, Coalinga, CA

2014 – 2015

#### Staff Pharmacist

- Evaluated and directed activities to ensure accurate dispensing of unit doses both outpatient and inpatient in a CDCR facility.
- Supervised and managed drug distribution systems to maintain inmate safety and drug system security.
- Organized and preserved confidentiality of patient profiles in accordance with California State Board of Pharmacy.

**RPh On The Go (Target Pharmacy), Southern CA** **2013 – 2014**  
**Staff Pharmacist**

- Consulted and managed patient profiles in Target pharmacy stores in Southern CA; processed 200-300 prescriptions daily.

**Judge Technical Services (OptumRx), Carlsbad & Costa Mesa, CA** **2010 – 2013**  
**Mail Order Pharmacist (2010-2011), Prior Authorization Pharmacist (2011-2013)**

- Evaluated and verified accuracy of prescriptions filled in mail order pharmacies, conducted inventory control, and maintained patient profiles and records.
- Dispensed and compounded prescriptions and provided dosing information and directions.
- Conducted extensive analysis of prior authorization cases and recommended coverage based on clinical criteria and plan design.
- Consulted with patients and furnished critical advice to healthcare providers.

**Dakota Med Temps (Indian Health Services (IHS) Hospital Pharmacies) – locations in NM and AZ** **2008 – 2010**  
**Staff Pharmacist**

- Evaluated patients' charts, managed patients' profiles, conducted renal medication adjustments, and consulted with patient and staff at IHS community hospital pharmacies in New Mexico and Arizona states.

**Walgreens Pharmacy, Las Vegas, NV** **2005 – 2008**  
**Staff Pharmacist**

- Performed drug utilization, medication management, and patient education within multiple pharmacy locations in Las Vegas, Reno, and Carson City.

**Rawson Neal Hospital - Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services, Las Vegas, NV** **2002 – 2005**  
**Staff Pharmacist**

- Ensured accurate dispensing of unit doses for outpatient and inpatient with a psychiatric hospital.
- Organized and maintained confidential patient profiles in accordance with Nevada state board of pharmacy.
- Supervised staff members and precepted student pharmacists.

### **LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

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Pharmacy License, State of California

Pharmacy License, State of Nevada

Basic Life Support (BLS), American Heart Association

Medication Therapy Management Certificate (MTM), California Pharmacists Association

Pharmacist & Patient-Centered Diabetes Care, California Pharmacists Association

Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery Certificate, American Pharmacists Association

### **EDUCATION**

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Doctor of Pharmacy – University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO

Bachelor of Science, Pharmacy – University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Enugu State, Nigeria

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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California Pharmacists Association (CPhA)

Current

California Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists (CSHP)

Current

### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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EPIC, Parata & ScriptPro® Robotic Dispensing Systems, BD Pyxis, Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook)