

VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY

Guidance Regarding Collaborative Practice Agreements

To clarify whether a collaborative practice agreement is required for each patient, the Board offers the following guidance.

1. A pharmacist and a practitioner or other authorized person as found in the definition of “collaborative agreement” in §54.1-3300 may enter into a collaborative practice agreement. Such agreement is not executed for each patient, but rather serves as a general agreement between the pharmacist and practitioner for how a pharmacist may implement, modify, continue, or discontinue drug therapy; order laboratory tests; or complete other patient care management measures related to monitoring or improving the outcomes of drug or device therapy.
2. The agreement may only be implemented for an individual patient pursuant to an order from the practitioner for that patient.
3. A patient who meets the criteria for inclusion in the category of patients whose care is subject to a collaborative agreement but who chooses to not participate in a collaborative procedure must notify the prescriber of his/her refusal to participate in such collaborative procedure.

Statutes:

[Va. Code § 54.1-3303](#)

Regulations:

[18VAC110-40-20](#)