

Virginia Board of Pharmacy

Interpretation of "administer" to include preparation for administration

The Board of Pharmacy finds that the term "administer", as defined in § 54.1-3401, can be reasonably interpreted to include the advance preparation or "set up" of medications to be administered to patients provided such advance preparation is performed only by a person licensed to dispense or administer drugs (medical practitioner, pharmacist, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or physician assistant) and the advance preparation is reasonably concurrent with the actual administration and should not extend beyond the next scheduled dosage administration.

However, if the advance preparation is to assist a patient, living in a private residence, in the administration of drugs which would normally be self-administered, including insulin, such advance preparation shall not exceed a fourteen (14) day supply.