

Role of a Clinical Pharmacist:

A clinical pharmacist is one who plays a vital role in the independent pharmacy setting. As a clinical pharmacist, you are able to take an in-depth look at the health of your patients and comprehensively manage the medication therapy of patients.

A clinical pharmacist will carry out several tasks in the pharmacy to ensure the overall appropriateness, safety, and compliance of a medication regimen for individualized patients. Some of these duties include:

- Medication therapy management review
 - Comprehensive medication review and assessment of safety, efficacy, and compliance with a set medication regimen
- Medication Synchronization
 - Scheduling all of a patient's medications to be refilled on the same day for increased compliance through one-day medication pickup
- Medicare Part D Consultation
 - Educating patients on their Medicare Part D options and what plan to choose that would be best for their health care/medication needs
- Mirixa/MTM Outcomes
 - Evaluating compliance of patients and potential barriers to medication adherence (cost, adverse effects, complexity of medication regimen, etc)
- Immunizations
 - Administering all vaccinations of incoming patients to the pharmacy (influenza, Tdap, pneumococcal, etc)
- Genetic Testing
 - Conducting genetic testing through swab sampling to determine effectiveness of specific drug classes in treating ADHD, pain, cholesterol, and other chronic health conditions
- Star Ratings
 - Evaluating the quality of our services to patients and ways to improve our service

In addition to these duties, the clinical pharmacist is always available to answer any questions that patients may have about their medications. The clinical pharmacist will counsel patients on adverse effects, appropriate dosing, storage and administration of medications, and address any medication related concerns that patients may have. They will interact with prescribers and doctor's offices to relay drug interactions, drug recommendations, or alternatives to therapy in order to enhance patient medication compliance.