

**POLICY STATEMENT(S):**

1. While acting in the capacity of a pharmacist, a person enrolled in the Pharm.D. Program in the Faculty of Graduate Studies at the University of British Columbia must either:
  - Be registered with the College of Pharmacists of BC under the full pharmacist registration category, or
  - Be under the full, direct supervision of a registered pharmacist preceptor.

**BACKGROUND**

In June 1998 Council reviewed correspondence from the BC Branch of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists, expressing concerns about nonpharmacists or nonpractising registrants performing pharmacist duties in hospital settings.

Subsequently, the Registrar corresponded with all hospital pharmacy managers to emphasize that they must ensure that activities listed in the definition of the “practice of pharmacy” are performed or directly supervised by individuals registered under the *Health Professions Act Bylaw Section 41*. All functions which involve direct individual patient care must be performed or directly supervised by a pharmacist registered under the full pharmacist registration category. Professional practice decisions which indirectly affect individual patient care must also be made by pharmacists registered under the full pharmacist registration category.

As a result of this communication, the Registrar received a query about the level of supervision required for Pharm.D. students on rotations through in-patient and out-patient pharmacy service areas. The October 1998 Council meeting discussion resulted in the interpretation policy noted above.