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9.32 TEMPORARY ABSENCE OF THE PHARMACIST	Attachments: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

I. POLICY

This policy provides for the continued legal operation of the pharmacy during a temporary absence of the pharmacist as permitted by state and federal law.

II. PURPOSE

To ensure that pharmacy operations may continue during the temporary absence of a pharmacist as permitted by state and federal law.

III. PROCEDURE

- A. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Pharmacist in Charge (PIC) are responsible for providing pharmacist coverage for the pharmacy during the facilities hours of operation.
- B. It is permissible for the pharmacist to be temporarily absent from the licensed pharmacy for the performance of authorized duties within the institution, breaks, and meal periods.
- C. During temporary absences, the pharmacist on duty and the PIC remain responsible for all work. No work performed during a temporary absence of a pharmacist shall leave the pharmacy without being checked by a pharmacist.
- D. During temporary absences, the pharmacist on duty and the PIC remain responsible for the security of the pharmacy. Any issues with pharmacy security shall be addressed by the Inmate Medical Services Policies and Procedures, Volume 9, Chapter 21, Break-in, Theft/Loss from Pharmacy or Medication Storage Areas.

IV. REFERENCES

- California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1714.1 [f]
- Inmate Medical Services Policies and Procedures, Volume 9, Chapter 21, Break-in, Theft/Loss From Pharmacy or Medication Storage Areas