

Basic Items for Students on Rotation at CVS Pharmacy

1. Personal Identification & Documentation

- **Student ID:** Always carry your student ID for identification purposes.
 - **CVS Employee Badge** (if provided): Required to access the pharmacy and workstations.
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2. Professional Attire

- **Pharmacy Coat/White Lab Coat:** Ensure your coat is clean, pressed, and appropriate for patient-facing interactions.
 - **Comfortable Shoes:** Wear closed-toe, non-slip shoes for safety, as you'll be standing or walking for long periods.
 - **Name Tag:** Always wear your name tag or student ID visibly to identify yourself as a pharmacy student.
 - **Professional Attire:** Dress in business casual attire or according to your preceptor's guidelines.
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3. Essential Learning Tools

- **Notepad or Journal:** For taking notes during rotations, documenting learning experiences, and writing down questions for your preceptor.
 - **Pen & Highlighters:** Essential for marking notes and highlighting key information.
 - **Calculator:** A scientific calculator may be needed for compounding, dosages, and other pharmacy-related calculations.
 - **Pharmacy Reference Book:** A pocket-sized drug reference, such as **Lexicomp** or **Martindale**, is helpful for checking drug information on the go
 - ****You are permitted to use your phone as a resource**
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4. Pharmacy-Specific Tools

- **Stethoscope:** For taking patient vitals or listening for heart and lung sounds if required during patient consultations. **(not required; may bring if available to you)**
 - **Thermometer:** Depending on your rotation, a digital thermometer could be useful for patient temperature readings. **(provided)**
 - **Blood Pressure Cuff:** If involved in MTM (Medication Therapy Management) services or patient screenings, having a cuff on hand may be beneficial. **(provided)**
 - **Pill Counting Tray:** Not all rotations will require this, but if you're involved in dispensing, a tray may be necessary for counting medication. **(provided)**
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5. Technology & Software Access

- **Smartphone or Tablet:** Useful for quick access to drug references, apps (e.g., **Micromedex**, **UpToDate**), and note-taking apps.
 - **Access Credentials:** Ensure you have login information for the pharmacy's **RxConnect** system and other internal systems to manage prescriptions and patient data.
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6. Medications & Pharmaceutical Products

- **Drug Interaction Reference:** An app or reference guide to check for medication interactions, such as **Epocrates** or **Lexicomp**.
 - We use an internal resource available to us – Clinical Pharmacology.
 - **Pill Organizer or Blister Packs:** To understand medication management and adherence strategies.
 - **Immunization Forms:** If involved in immunization services, have the necessary forms and CDC guidelines handy.
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7. Patient Interaction Resources

- **Counseling Scripts:** Common counseling points for medications or therapy management (e.g., for diabetes, hypertension).
 - **Patient Education Materials:** Handouts or brochures on common medications, side effects, or pharmacy services.
 - **HIPAA Compliance Training:** Be familiar with HIPAA to always maintain patient confidentiality and privacy.
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8. Personal Items

- **Water Bottle:** Staying hydrated is important for long days in the pharmacy and **must be clear** per CVS AP Policy.
 - **Snacks:** Keep a light snack for energy during breaks.
 - **Comfortable Bag/Backpack:** To carry all your materials, books, and personal items securely.
 - ****All personal items brought to rotation must be bag checked prior to leaving and stored in the employee break room or manager's office.**
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9. Evaluation and Feedback Forms

- **Student Evaluation Forms:** Complete forms as required throughout the rotation to assess your learning progress.

- **Feedback Tools:** Use tools like journals, checklists, and self-reflection forms to track your learning goals.

10. Contact Information & Support

- **Preceptor Contact Information:** Always have your preceptor's phone number or email for quick communication if needed.
- **Pharmacy Supervisor Contact:** A backup point of contact if your preceptor is unavailable.

	Primary Preceptor	Staff Pharmacist	District Leader
Name:			
Phone Number:			
Email:			

Additional Notes

- Always follow **CVS Pharmacy's dress code** and workplace policies.
- **Be proactive** in seeking feedback and clarifying doubts with your preceptor regularly.
- **Stay organized:** Keep all your materials in a designated binder or folder for easy access.

This handout provides a checklist to ensure you are prepared for a successful rotation at CVS Pharmacy. Let me know if you need any changes or additional information!