

Pharmacy Fee Schedule

The Pharmacy Service through the Research Service will assist investigators in conducting clinical research. All investigational drugs and devices at the VA Medical Center MUST go through the Pharmacy. Services that the Pharmacy Service Provides:

- Ordering and handling shipments of investigational drugs is done by the sponsor or study personnel with Pharmacy notification or by Pharmacy for investigator-initiated studies
- Ordering and handling shipments of controlled substances
- Compounding support for double blind studies; double-blinding if requested
- Record keeping for investigational drugs (dispensing and drug accountability; audits and follow up with PI to ensure compliance with required documentation including but not limited to the protocol and IB including amended versions, R&D and IRB approvals, copies of FDA or sponsor-related correspondence specific to the study drug(s), and current informed consent for each participating subject)
- Monitoring inventory for appropriate stock of drugs and expiration date; expiration date extension and re-labeling as indicated by the sponsor
- Unit dose with Bar code for inpatient services
- All pharmacy investigational drug requirements to meet hospital policies
- Study Set-up activities include
 - Initial receipt and inventory in investigational agent(s)
 - Establishment of Drug Accountability records and binder with required and appropriate documents
 - Review of study design and pharmacy issues
 - Development and distribution of dispensing guidelines
- Study Closure activities include
 - Reconciliation of drug accountability records
 - Completion of final documentation
 - Photocopying and distribution of documentation as required
 - Final disposition of study drug (per EPA guidelines if destruction is required or return of product to the sponsor)
 - Maintenance of discontinued study file

Proposed Fees and Fee Structure

General Points of Agreement:

- *VA merit sponsored studies are exempt from all fees and charges*
- *Non-funded studies will be exempt from any fees*
- *Costs are dependent upon available funds and are negotiated based on the complexity of the study in a timely manner within a week time frame whenever possible.*
- *The Research Operations Pharmacist will be the contact person regarding any fee questions and/or negotiations*
- *The Pharmacy Fee Schedule will be reviewed annually and adjustments made as needed and agreed upon by Pharmacy and Research Services.*

Protocol Set-Up (One-time fee for set up as indicated above)	\$400/ \$200 investigator initiated
Medications – oral or topical preparations	\$15 per dispensation
Simple IV Medications (piggyback, syringes, etc.)	\$20 per dispensation
Complex IV Medications (TPN, chemo, etc.)	Negotiable
VA Cooperative Studies (One-time fee)	\$250
Medical Devices handled by Pharmacy	\$10 per dispensation
Ordering and Handling controlled substances (DEA 222 or other special ordering procedures, Drug Accountability multi-step process, 72 hour controlled substance inventory)	\$100 per quarter
Special Compounding (Over-encapsulation, compounding of placebo capsules, etc)	\$75 per hour
Drug Budget for Grant Submission Consultation	No Charge
Protocol Closure (One-time fee for closure as indicated above)	\$150
Study Monitor Visits with Pharmacist >1 hour	\$50 per hour