

Guidelines for the Sale of Herbal Products in Pharmacies

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- The pharmacist shall have a general knowledge of herbal products.
- The pharmacist shall have a current, reliable reference.
- The pharmacist shall be satisfied that the products are safe.
- When counseling, the pharmacist shall be satisfied that the product(s) will not interfere/interact with the patient's possible disease state and/or other traditional medications.
- When counseling, the pharmacist shall be satisfied that the patient understands that the product is not to be used as an alternative to hi/her traditional therapy, unless so directed by his/her physician.
- When counseling, the pharmacist shall encourage the patient to inform his/her physician of the decision to try new therapy.
- The pharmacist shall recognize the need for intervention and/or referral to a physician.