Pharmacists in Veterinary Medicine

Pharmacists actively participate in the care of human patients; however they rarely practice in veterinary clinics. Traditionally, pharmacists provided only auxiliary services to veterinarians and veterinary practices as a small part of their pharmacy services. The Clinical Pharmacy Service is committed to the exclusive care and well-being of veterinary patients.

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Dedication to Veterinary Pharmacy

A vital part of top-quality, evidence-based veterinary care is providing medications that are the safest and most effective possible. The wealth and complexity of medications used by veterinary practices is constantly increasing. The Clinical Pharmacy Service is proud to be part of a team of veterinary professionals that is dedicated to providing the best veterinary care possible. UCVMC-SD pharmacists hold advanced degrees and certifications specific to veterinary applications of pharmacology, and utilize that knowledge to advance the healthcare of animals.

Services Available for Pet Owners:

In conjunction with a primary care veterinarian, referring veterinarian or veterinary specialist, the clinical pharmacy program can offer the following services:
- General drug therapy consultations
- Product availability and drug sourcing consultations
- Drug administration advice
- Drug interaction and compatibility consultations
- Drug identification
- Medication-related news and events

Services Available for Veterinarians:

As a benefit to veterinarians, the clinical pharmacy service will offer consultations, information and services in areas such as:
- Drug administration:
  Patient-specific information on how to administer drugs, appropriate routes of administration, dosing frequency, relative cost, comparable efficacy, and monitoring parameters
- Drug of choice/infectious disease:
  Information on documented and alternative drug therapies for a given disease state and guidance on empiric and chronic infectious disease management
- Drug interactions:
  Potential or probable drug-drug, drug-food, or drug-disease state interactions
- Adverse events:
  Guidance on adverse event reporting and monitoring parameters including information on how, where and what to report
- Laws and regulations:
  Evaluation of legal aspects of administering, dispensing and managing drugs in a veterinary practice