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### **Re: Controlled Substance Identification Requirements**

On March 1, 2012, a new law (S.L. 2011-349) passed by the North Carolina General Assembly will go into effect. The new law requires the presentation of a valid photo ID prior to dispensing of any new or refill Schedule II or certain Schedule III prescriptions and documentation of the photo ID by the pharmacy. The new law **will affect** everyone picking up medications at any community/retail pharmacy including the UNC Ambulatory Pharmacy Care Network locations of Central Outpatient Pharmacy (N.C. Cancer Hospital) and ACC Pharmacy. However, the law does not require the person picking up the medication to be the person for which the medication is prescribed.

In response to this new law, pharmacists at the ACC Pharmacy and Central Outpatient Pharmacy (NC Cancer Hospital) will now be scanning valid photo IDs listed below into our secure pharmacy system for any medications, new or refill, in order to ensure compliance with this new law.

Valid photo IDs that are acceptable include:

- Driver's License (including out-of-state)
- Special Identification card issued by the NC Department of Motor Vehicles
- Military Identification
- Passport (including foreign passports)

Information required for documentation by the pharmacy

- Name of person picking up prescription
- Type of photo identification
- Photo identification number

Medications that will now require photo ID prior to dispensing are:

- All Schedule II medications (i.e. OxyContin, MS Contin, Ritalin, etc.)
- Certain Schedule III medications (i.e. combination pain medications such as hydrocodone and codeine combination products)

Additional information can be found on the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy website:  
<http://ncbop.org/faqs/PhotoIDFAQ.pdf>

If you have any questions, please contact the UNC Ambulatory Pharmacy Care Network at 919-966-0258.