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Dear Pharmacy Professional,

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The South African Pharmacy Council (hereafter “Council”) has received queries regarding the validity of Pharmacy Technicians supervising Pharmacy Support Personnel. Council confirms that this is permissible in accordance with the *Regulations relating to the practice of pharmacy*. Further clarification is provided below:

- a. In terms of Regulation 13A, a Pharmacy Technician may supervise other Pharmacy Support Personnel, provided that such supervision is within the Pharmacy Technician’s scope of practice, and the supervision is conducted under the oversight of a pharmacist.
- b. A Pharmacy Technician may supervise a maximum of one (1) Pharmacy Support Personnel.
- c. The supervision of other Pharmacy Support Personnel by a Pharmacy Technician is subject to the following conditions:
 - i. the Responsible Pharmacist (RP) must clearly define and specify the activities that may be supervised by the Pharmacy Technician and retains overall professional accountability at all times;
 - ii. a Pharmacy Technician may only exercise direct personal supervision and may not supervise under indirect personal supervision.
- d. A Pharmacy Technician may not supervise:
 - i. Learner Pharmacist’s Assistants (Basic);
 - ii. Learner Pharmacist’s Assistants (Post-Basic); or
 - iii. Pharmacy Technician Learners or Trainees.

Yours sincerely,

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