

Questions from Denise Logan

- 1) I have a meeting on my calendar for May 10th as well.
- 2) Regarding administering medications, I don't remember seeing in the CMS information provided that was in the scope of practice for a PCT. I have not looked up what a Medication Aide can or cannot administer. My question is: How do medication aides function in medical facilities, specifically outpatient dialysis centers? If CMS doesn't allow PCT to administer medications, which rule is followed? That of CMS or that of medication aides? If the medication aide can do all that the PCT is required to do, why are they not just medication aides? Administration of medications with 2 weeks to 18 months of training doesn't seem safe to the public to me.
- 3) There was comparison to a pharmacy tech. I am not versed in their job duties, but my experience is that the pharmacist is always there and they are the ones that prepare the drugs, package them and the tech really acts like a cashier. When I have had medication questions, they get the pharmacist. I'm not seeing a collation between the duties of a pharmacy tech and a PCT.
- 4) Allison Dering-Anderson did such a great job, I have nothing further to add.