

Navigating the Ongoing Rite Aid Closures: Tips for Prescribing Clinicians

On May 5, 2025, Rite Aid filed for bankruptcy, resulting in the closure of several Rite Aid locations nationwide. Rite Aid is currently selling assets, including prescriptions, to other pharmacies.

The Washington Medical Commission, the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, the Board of Naturopathy, the Washington State Board of Nursing, and the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission have collaborated to create a brief tip sheet for prescribing clinicians to help them navigate the ongoing Rite Aid closures.

Prioritizing Continuity of Care

The Rite Aid closures have the potential to impact timely access to prescriptions. We strongly recommend prioritizing continuity of care and uninterrupted access to needed medications. We ask prescribing clinicians to consider

- ✓ Proactively speaking with their patients about whether they have been impacted by the Rite Aid closures.
- ✓ Communicating with pharmacists in a timely fashion to validate or authorize prescription refill requests.
- ✓ Collaborating with patients' pharmacies of choice to provide confirmation of prescription details when needed.
- ✓ Facilitating safe and prompt dispensing of prescriptions by assisting pharmacists who have questions about patients' medication profiles.
- ✓ Contacting their regulatory bodies if they have additional questions.
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