

# ASSESSING BARCODE VERIFICATION SYSTEM READINESS in COMMUNITY PHARMACIES



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**Assessing Barcode Verification System Readiness in Community Pharmacies** is a **free** tool to help community pharmacies prepare for future implementation of a barcode product verification system. The tool helps pharmacy leaders and staff evaluate their current workflow, standard operating procedures, and technology to identify what needs to be accomplished before implementing a barcode product verification system. The assessment process makes the adoption of this technology less stressful and more efficient because pharmacy staff are better prepared to adapt to any necessary changes that have been foreseen by using the tool.

The actual assessment items are divided into two parts—one group of assessment items for pharmacy leaders/owners, and another group of assessment items for pharmacy staff. Background information on barcode technology and Appendices on **Elements to Consider During Vendor Selection** and **Direct Costs Associated with Barcode Verification Systems** are also provided.

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