Virginia Board of Pharmacy

Storage of Schedule II Drugs in a Pharmacy

Regulations governing the practice of pharmacy provide in subsection B of 18VAC110-20-200 that:

Dispersion of Schedule II drugs. Schedule II drugs shall either be dispersed with other schedules of drugs or shall be maintained within a securely locked cabinet, drawer, or safe. The cabinet, drawer, or safe may remain unlocked during hours that the prescription department is open and a pharmacist is on duty.

The Board interprets the regulation to mean that Schedule II drugs in a pharmacy may be dispersed with other schedules of drugs on the shelves, maintained within a securely locked cabinet, drawer, or safe, or maintained in a manner which combines the two methods for storage.