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Delay expected during pharmacy equipment upgrade

JUNEAU, April 29, 2008 — The pharmacy at the SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) Ethel Lund Medical Center will be undergoing an equipment upgrade the week of May 14-21, and patients may experience delays getting prescriptions filled during that week.

This process will affect SEARHC's pharmacy in Juneau only. We are installing a ScriptPro Robotic Prescription Dispensing System, and the installation process and staff training will occur during this week. While the pharmacy will be open for regular business hours the week of May 14-21, patients may want to request their prescription refills the week before the equipment is installed.

Once the ScriptPro machine is installed and in operation, patients will see shorter wait times and higher accuracy since all prescriptions now will have scanned bar codes. The automation system also will allow pharmacists to spend more time working directly with patients.

For more information, contact the SEARHC Ethel Lund Medical Center pharmacy at 463-4031 in Juneau.

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