

According to the United States Drug Enforcement Administration: for purposes of Arizona state law, the existence of the following four elements indicates a legitimate doctor/patient relationship has been established:

- A patient physically presents to the physician with a medical complaint;
- A medical history has been taken by the physician;
- A physical examination has been performed by the physician; and
- Some logical connection exists between the medical complaint, the medical history, the physical examination, and the drug or treatment prescribed. Future drugs or treatments maybe prescribed based upon changes in the patients condition without the physically presence of the patient.