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| AUTOMATIC STOP ORDER PROCEDURE ON DRUGS | | | | NO. 120 | |
| Medications falling under one of the following classes of drugs will be stopped after the following period of time:  Drug Type Stop Order  Analgesic, non-narcotic and narcotic 2 weeks  Antianemia Drugs 1 month  Antibacterials 2 weeks  Antibiotics 5 days  Anticoagulants 1 month  Antiemetics 3 days  Antihistamines 1 month  Antineoplastics 1 week  Barbiturates 1 month  Cardiovascular 1 month  Cold Preparations 2 weeks  Cough Preparations 2 weeks  Dermatologicals 1 week  Diuretics 1 month  Hormones 1 month  Hypnotics and Sedatives 1 month  Laxatives 1 month  Psychotherapeutic Agents 1 month  Spasmolytics 2 weeks  Vitamins 3 months  UNLESS:  1. The physician's order indicates the exact number of doses or the length of time the medication is to be given a patient; or  2. The physician re-orders the medication.  In any case, however, the attending physician shall be notified prior to discontinuance of such medication.  This stop order policy is posted in the medication room. | | | | | |
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