DRUG STORAGE 156

All medications are properly labeled by a Pharmacist and stored in the locked medication room, or medication cart. The medication cart is stored in the locked medication room if not in use. only authorized personnel have access to the keys.

CSA drugs in schedule II, III, IV, and V must bear the federally required "CAUTION" label. The issuing pharmacist will be responsible for this policy.

External medications must be stored separately from oral medications. External medications are those which would cause harm or death if taken by mouth or injected, and are kept in a locked treatment cart.

Those medications requiring refrigeration are stored in the refrigerator in the locked medication room, or in a separate permanently affixed,locked medication storage compartment in a refrigerator at or near the nursing station.

Drugs listed under the Controlled Substances Act shall be recorded on Individual Control Drug Records or the pharmacy's designated form and are stored in separately locked, permanently affixed compartment.

All CSA drugs in schedule II, III, and IV will be counted by the two charge nurses at each change of shift, with each signing the audit paper.

All CSA drugs in schedule II must be stored behind double locks.

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