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| MEDICATION STORAGE IN THE FACILITY | | | | NO. | |
| **Policy**  Medications and biologicals are stored safely, securely, and properly following manufacturer’s recommendations. The medication supply is accessible to licensed nursing personnel, pharmacy personnel, or staff members lawfully authorized to administer medications.  **Procedures**   1. The pharmacy dispenses medications in containers that meet legal requirements, including requirements of good manufacturing practices. Medications are kept and stored in these containers. Transfer of medications from one container to another is done by a pharmacist. 2. Licensed nurses and the pharmacist are allowed access to medications. Medication rooms, carts, and medication supplies are locked or attended by persons with authorized access. 3. Orally administered medications are kept separate from externally used medications (e.g. suppositories, liquids, lotions, and tablets). 4. Intravenously administered medications are kept separate from orally administered medications. 5. Eye medications are kept separate from ear medications. 6. Except for those requiring refrigeration, medications intended for internal use are stored in a medication cart or other designated area. 7. Medications labeled for individual residents are stored separately from floor stock medications. 8. Potentially harmful substances (e.g. urine test reagent tablets, household poisons, cleaning supplies, disinfectants) are identified and stored in a locked area separately from medications. 9. Schedule II controlled substances are stored separately from other medications in a double locked drawer or compartment designated for that purpose. Alternatively, Schedule III-V controlled medications may be stored in the drawers with the other medications. 10. Medications requiring storage at “room temperature” are kept at temperatures ranging from 15°C (59°F) to 30°C (86°F). | | | | | |
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| 1. Medications requiring “refrigeration” or “temperatures between 2°C (36°F) and 8°C (46°F)” are kept in a refrigerator with a thermometer to allow temperature monitoring. Medications requiring storage “in a cool place” are refrigerated unless otherwise directed on the label. 2. Refrigerated medications are kept in closed and labeled containers, with internal and external medications separated, and separate from fruit juices, applesauce, and other foods used in administering medications. Other foods (e.g. employee lunches, activity department refreshments) are not stored in this refrigerator. 3. Outdated, contaminated, or deteriorated medications and those in containers that are cracked, soiled, or without secure closures are removed from stock, disposed of according to procedures for medication destruction, and reordered from the pharmacy, if a current order exists. 4. Medication storage areas are kept clean, well-lit, and free of clutter. | | | | | |
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