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| Medication – Pharmacy Consultant | | | | NO. | |
| Purpose: To provide pharmaceutical services to meet the medication needs of the residents.  Statement: The facility will employ and maintain the services of a licensed pharmacist who:   1. Provides consultation on all aspects of the provision of pharmacy services in the facility. 2. Establishes a system of records of receipt and disposition of all controlled drugs in sufficient detail to enable an accurate reconciliation. 3. Determines that drug records are in order and that an account of all controlled drugs is maintained and periodically reconciled.   Procedure:   1. Reviews each medication of all residents in the facility once per month to examine: 2. Supporting diagnoses 3. Allergy conflicts 4. Pertinent labs ordered 5. Contraindications between medications 6. Contraindications between medications and foods 7. Periodic reductions attempted 8. Alternative medication that would have less side effects or conflicts 9. Different dose, strength, or time would be more clinically appropriate 10. Medication errors 11. Symptoms that staff and physician may have missed that are related to the medication not being effective or having adverse consequences 12. Polypharmacy 13. Unnecessary medications 14. Lack of documentation for monitoring of side effects 15. Medications not being administered properly 16. Alternative form such as liquid, tablet, capsule 17. Reports any irregularities, issues, or problems to the resident’s physician and the Director of Nursing. 18. Ensures that these reports are acted upon. 19. Monitors the labeling of medications used in the facility to ensure that they are: 20. Labeled in accordance with currently accepted professional principles 21. Labeled with appropriate accessory and cautionary instructions 22. Labeled with the expiration date when applicable 23. Monitors the storage of medications to ensure that they are locked compartments under proper temperature controls. 24. Monitors the emergency medications box, and replaces it when needed. 25. The Director of Nursing will give the Charge Nurse a copy of the unit’s monthly consultant report. | | | | | |
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| 1. The Charge Nurse will make sure: 2. All of the recommendations are acted upon. 3. All of the recommendations are reported to the residents’ physicians by the Unit Nurses. 4. There is documentation in the residents’ charts that notification and follow-up occurred. 5. The Charge Nurse will return the copy of the consultant report to the Director of Nursing when notifications, follow-ups, and documentation have been completed. 6. The Unit Nurse will: 7. Notify the resident’s physician of the consultant’s recommendations, and document in the resident’s chart that this was done. 8. Remind the resident’s physician to sign the resident’s consultant report that is filed in the resident’s chart. 9. The Director of Nursing will notify the facility’s medical director if the resident’s physician does not follow through on a consultant’s recommendation she thinks may be vital to the resident’s well being. | | | | | |
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