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| PILL SPLITTING | | | | NO. | |
| PURPOSE: To provide specific guidelines in the disposition of a medication that has been split in half for resident use.  STATEMENT: It is the policy of this facility that all medications that are split and given to the resident must have the other half destroyed.  PROCEDURE FOR SPLITTING PHARMACEUTICALS:   1. Whenever possible, get a correct dosage of medication to avoid the necessity of pill splitting. 2. Staff should wash hands thoroughly prior to and after splitting a pill. 3. Staff will wear gloves to split the medication. 4. Staff will use an approved pill cutter. Pill cutter should be rinsed off after use to avoid medication cross contamination by other medication. 5. The pill half administered to the resident shall be documented in the resident’s medication administration record at the actual dosage administered. 6. When a pill is split the remaining half not administered must be destroyed. This must be documented in the medication administration record as well as the nurse’s notes. 7. Crush or dissolve the left over medication in a small amount of water or Isopropyl Alcohol. 8. Mix the crushed or dissolved Pharmaceuticals in coffee grounds or kitty litter. 9. Put them in a small container or small plastic bag and place them in the trash. 10. Control drugs which are destroyed in the same manner as above, must be witnessed by a second party and the destruction documented with both parties signature. | | | | | |
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