



Pharmacy Department Clinical Policy

Pharmacist Review of Admitted Patients in Emergency Department (ED)/Perioperative Anesthetic Care Unit (PACU)

A. EFFECTIVE DATE :

August 17, 2021

B. PURPOSE :

To ensure pharmacy services provided to ED overflow patients designated for admission, patients with an ED length of stay greater than 8 hours, and extended stay admissions to the PACU are consistent with inpatient pharmacy services.

C. POLICY :

Pharmacists will review designated medication orders as needed and provide medications not available in Automated Dispensing Cabinets in ED and PACU areas for all ED overflow patients, patients with an ED length of stay greater than 8 hours (includes regular ED patients, ED overflow [EDOV], and temporary stays), and extended-stay admissions to the PACU. Daily clinical monitoring will be completed, consistent with inpatient monitoring.

D. SCOPE :

Emergency Department and Perioperative Anesthetic Care Unit (PACU)

E. DEFINITIONS :

None

F. MATERIAL(S) NEEDED :

None

G. PROCEDURE :

ED

1. Pharmacists will verify all orders and provide any medications not routinely stocked in the ED automated dispensing cabinets. Pharmacy will be notified of additional medications needed by ED nurses calling the Central Pharmacy (extension: 7627) for ED patients with a length of stay greater than 8 hours (includes regular ED patients, EDOV and temporary stays).
2. Pharmacist will view medication profile and review appropriateness and formulary availability of orders.
3. The pharmacist assigned to ED coverage will discuss pertinent issues with ED charge nurse and is specifically assigned to handle all requests for medications and/or drug information issues.
4. The pharmacist will discuss patient information during shift report with the next covering pharmacist.

PACU

1. Pharmacist will be notified that medications are needed by PACU nurses calling the Central Pharmacy (extension: 7627) for medication needs of extended-stay PACU patients.
2. Pharmacist will view medication profile and review appropriateness and formulary availability of orders.
3. The pharmacist assigned to PACU coverage will discuss pertinent issues with PACU charge nurse and is specifically assigned to handle all requests for medications and/or drug information issues.
4. This pharmacist will discuss patient information during shift report with the next covering pharmacist.

H. ATTACHMENTS :

None

I. REFERENCES :

None

J. SEARCH WORDS :

None

K. ENFORCEMENT:

Violations of this policy or associated procedures may result in appropriate disciplinary measures in accordance with University By-Laws, General Rules of Conduct for All University Employees, applicable collective bargaining agreements, the University of Connecticut Student Code, other applicable University Policies, or as outlined in any procedures document related to this policy.

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