

## **COHESIVE HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT & CONSULTING**

## Mangum Regional Medical Center

TITLE			Policy
Anaphylaxis/Adverse Drug Reaction Policy			DRM-053
MANUAL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REVIEW DATE	
Drug Room	10-1-2020	10-1-2020	
DEPARTMENT	Reference		
Drug Room	Oklahoma Pharmacy Law Book		

### SCOPE

This policy applies to all patients receiving care and treatment at MANGUM REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER.

## PURPOSE

To recognize the potential danger associated with any anaphylactic or adverse drug reaction to any drug given. To provide a consistent method of treating and reporting anaphylactic and adverse drug reaction.

## DEFINITIONS

Adverse Drug Reaction: The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) defines an adverse drug reaction (ADR) as "Any unexpected, unintended, undesired, or excessive response to a drug that:

- a) Requires discontinuing the drug (therapeutic or diagnostic)
- b) Requires changing the drug therapy
- c) Requires modifying the dose (except for minor dosage adjustments)
- d) Necessitates admission to a hospital
- e) Prolongs stay in a health care facility
- f) Necessitates supportive treatment
- g) Significantly complicates diagnosis
- h) Negatively affects prognosis, or
- i) Results in temporary or permanent harm, disability, or death.

**Anaphylaxis:** A life-threatening allergic reaction that affects two or more parts of the body at once, including your skin, mouth, stomach, lungs or heart. Often it occurs as a series of reactions.

## POLICY

All anaphylactic and/or adverse drug reactions will be reported to the Medical Provider, Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T), Quality, Medical Staff, and Governing Board committees.

## PROCEDURE

- 1. In the initial nursing assessment, notes of allergy history of the patient and /or a strong family history associated with an allergy to any drug or food associated with drug reaction should be documented.
- 2. Food allergies associated with latex allergy such as kiwi, chestnut, bananas and avocados should be considered as potential warning signs.
- 3. Instruct the patient of the possibilities of allergic reaction which may manifest itself by symptoms such as generalized itching, tightness in the chest, a feeling of pressure, or difficulty breathing and immediately report these symptoms to healthcare personnel.
- 4. Establish a baseline data for vital signs of B/P, pulse, temp, respiration and pulse oximetry.
- 5. Keep a crash cart available.
- 6. Be alert for anaphylaxis or adverse drug reaction when administering any drug especially those with high potential for reaction such as PCN, Tetanus, allergy shots or any drug your patient has never taken before. Signs of anaphylaxis:
  - a) Urticaria
  - b) Edema
  - c) Hypotension
  - d) Disorientation
  - e) Cyanosis
  - f) Respiratory difficulty with or without wheezing
  - g) Hives
- 7. Discontinue drug at the first sign of possible symptoms.
- 8. Maintain an open IV.
- 9. Maintain an airway; apply oxygen as needed and notify Respiratory Therapy.
- 10. Place the patient in Trendelenburg position unless contraindicated.
- 11. Notify the ER provider or the medical provider on call.
- 12. If patient's condition is critical and the above measures fail, prepare to call for a Code Blue.
- 13. Document in nurses notes the reaction, condition and action taken.
- 14. Notify the House Supervisor and/or Charge Nurse of the anaphylactic or adverse drug reaction.
- 15. Complete an Incident Report and complete the information under Adverse Drug Reaction and forward to the Quality Manager (see Attachment A for details)
- 16. Any ADR that involves a newly FDA approved medication or involves an unusual or serious reaction not previously listed in a medication package insert, is to be submitted to the FDA through the MEDWATCH reporting program.

## REFERENCES

https://www.fda.gov/safety/medwatch-fda-safety-information-and-adverse-event-reporting-program

# ATTACHMENTS

Anaphylaxis/Adverse Drug Reaction Reporting Form

# **REVISIONS/UPDATES**

Date	Brief Description of Revision/Change	



### Anaphylaxis/Adverse Drug Reaction Reporting Form

Medical Records Number:	Patient Name:	Provider		
Sex: Male Female	Date/Time of:			
Observer's Name:	Date of Report:	Time of Report:		
Event Detail:				
Suspected Medication:		Dose:		
Route: Frequence Frequencies Frequencies		administration (if IV):		
Information on this reaction can be found on (date)/ in: Nurses Notes				
Reaction:				
Reaction on-set Time: Date of Adverse Reaction: Describe Treatment:		n Treated:YesNo		

#### **GENERAL CLASSIFICATION OF REACTION**

Elevated INR	Musculoskeletal
GI	Neurologic
Hematologic	Psychological
Hepatic	Pulmonary
Hypotensive	Renal
Infection	Tachycardia
Itching	Urticaria
Metabolic (electrolytes)	Vascular
	Vaccine
	GI Hematologic Hepatic Hypotensive Infection Itching

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **OUTCOME**:

MILD:

\_\_\_\_\_ required no intervention, no apparent harm to patient.

#### MODERATE:

- \_\_\_\_\_ required treatment or intervention due to temporary harm.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Increased monitoring.
- Prolonged hospitalization required.

#### **SEVERITY**:

\_\_\_\_\_ Death \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Disability \_\_\_\_\_ Increased length of stay

Anaphylaxis/ADR outcome: _	Reason for Admission	Preventable	Dose Related
_	to be reported to FDA		

Person Completing this Form: \_\_\_\_\_