



COHESIVE HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT & CONSULTING

Mangum Regional Medical Center

TITLE		POLICY	
Duplication Order Policy		DRM-050	
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

The purpose of this policy is to establish a procedure to prevent medication duplicate orders on a patient medication profile, which may lead to medication errors with possible adverse patient outcomes and inaccurate documentation.

DEFINITIONS

Therapeutic duplication: the situation when multiple medications are ordered for the same clinical indication without clear criteria for selecting the use of one medication order over the other.

POLICY

The pharmacist verifying medication orders or a licensed nurse on-duty can review the appropriateness of medication orders and discontinue duplicate medication orders as defined in this policy.

PROCEDURE

1. The pharmacist verifying medication orders or a licensed nurse on-duty can discontinue identified duplicate medication orders unless otherwise stated by the provider to continue both medications (e.g., Potassium 20mEq by mouth ordered twice).
2. Any active order for a PRN opioid will be discontinued when a new PRN opioid (involving the same route of administration) is ordered, unless clear criteria for order of use is included in the orders.

- a. Example: Morphine 4 mg IV every 4 hours PRN severe pain AND Hydromorphone 0.5 mg IV every 4 hours PRN severe pain are ordered.
 - i. If both medications are ordered at the same time (or within 60 minutes of each other), the orders will need to be clarified with the ordering provider before they are verified by a pharmacist.
 - ii. If the medications were ordered at different times (greater than 60 minutes), then the oldest order will be discontinued and the new order verified by a pharmacist.

REFERENCES

Oklahoma Pharmacy Law Book

ATTACHMENTS

None.

REVISIONS/UPDATES

Date	Brief Description of Revision/Change