



COHESIVE HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT & CONSULTING

Mangum Regional Medical Center

TITLE		POLICY
Patient Home Medications		DRM-031
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 define the scope of patient home medication use at MANGUM REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER.

DEFINITIONS

N/A

POLICY

Whenever a patient's home medication(s) are brought into the hospital facility, such medications shall not be administered unless they can be appropriately identified and a medical provider has specifically indicated in a patients chart that the patient home medication(s) can be administered.

PROCEDURE

1. If a patient brings his or her own home medication(s) with them to the hospital, home medication(s) will be reviewed as follows:
 - a. If the patient is admitted for observation, is in the medical facility for an outpatient visit, or an order for patient home medications has been written by a medical provider; then patient home medication(s) can be administered.
 - i. The patient's nurse will use a pill identifier resource to verify that the patient's home medication is indeed what is stated on the medication label and that the medication is not outdated before the medication is administered to the patient.

- ii. For a patient to self-administer their own medication(s), there must be an order to do so from a medical provider.
 - iii. Patient home medications will be kept in the ADM or in the Drug Room in a secured area.
 - iv. If a patient home medication supply runs out during hospitalization, the patient and/or the patient's family is responsible for obtaining an additional supply of the medication.
- b. If the patient is admitted for acute care or swing bed care, home medications should not be ordered for patient use.
- i. The patient home medication(s) should be sent home with a family member or caregiver.
 - ii. If a family member or caregiver cannot readily remove a patient's home medication supply from the hospital, the patient's home medication(s) will be counted by two nurses.
 - 1. The medication name and quantity of each home medication will be documented in the Patients Own Medication Verification/Consent Log.
 - 2. The medications will be secured in the hospital's nursing med room and given back to the patient upon discharge from the hospital.

REFERENCES

Oklahoma Pharmacy Law Book

ATTACHMENTS

Patients Own Medication Verification/Consent Log

REVISIONS/UPDATES

Date	Brief Description of Revision/Change