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IC14: PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED TO HANDLE MEDICATIONS IN THE FACILITY

Policy

Only authorized personnel have access to medications in the facility.

Procedures

- A. Licensed nursing personnel who administer medications have authorized access to medication storage areas in the facility. Consistent with their scope of practice, licensed nurses may transcribe and transmit orders to the pharmacy(ies), receive and store medications, and have possession of the keys to all drug storage areas in the facility. Keys to medication storage areas are under the control of licensed personnel only.
- B. Medication aides, under the direct supervision of a licensed nurse, may have access to medication storage areas and may administer medications with the exception of controlled drugs, injectable drugs, and topical drugs to open wounds, as allowed under state law or other regulation.
- C. Unlicensed personnel may not have access to medication storage areas.
- D. Pharmacists and pharmacy personnel may have access to medication storage areas.