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1.0 Change of policy

1.1 No changes

2.0 Purpose

- 2.1** The aim of this procedure is to provide direction and support for the safe and effective management of medications administered on a PRN (as required) basis.

3.0 Policy

3.1 Policy statement:

- 3.1.1** This policy aims to provide guidelines for Registered Nurses who administer PRN medications ordered by a doctor for a specific resident based on their clinical judgment or delegate administration to an Enrolled Nurse who is competent in medication administration.
- 3.1.2** A PRN medication is a medication ordered and charted by a doctor for the defined treatment of intermittent symptoms or a short-term condition. PRN medications are not intended to be given as a regular dose or at specific times e.g. during a regular medication round.

3.2 Scope:

- 3.2.1** A Registered Nurse may administer a PRN medication based on clinical judgment or delegate administration to an Enrolled Nurse who has the knowledge, skills and competence to administer medications and authorized by the facility to undertake such a role.

3.3 Responsibilities

- 3.3.1** All stakeholders in the process including pharmacists, nurses & physicians

4.0 Definitions /abbreviations:

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- 4.1 **CCHE:** Children Cancer Hospital – 57357 Egypt
- 4.2 **CPID:** Continuous Performance Improvement Department
- 4.3 **MMU:** Medication Management & Use
- 4.4 **MMS:** Medication Management & Safety
- 4.5 **RN:** Registered nurse

5.0 Procedure:

- 5.1 Following assessment of a physician will order a PRN medication on CERNER via CPOE.
 - 5.1.1 **To avoid any confusion, the medication order shall state:**
 - 5.1.1.1 Medication name, strength, formulation.
 - 5.1.1.2 Number or quantity to be given and route of administration.
 - 5.1.1.3 Interval between doses or number of times per day (if repeat doses are required).
 - 5.1.1.4 Maximum or total dose which may be given in 24 hours.
 - 5.1.1.5 Specific reason for administering medication or the expected outcome.
- 5.2 **Reviewing and Verification:**
 - 5.2.1 The medication is reviewed by pharmacist according to prescription review policy.
- 5.3 **Supply of PRN medications:**
 - 5.3.1 Authorized nurses withdraw required PRN medications from med station "PYXIS" according to Med Station Pyxis policy.
 - 5.3.2 If medications not available in Pyxis, the pharmacist provide nurses with medications from main pharmacy.
- 5.4 **Administration:**
 - 5.4.1 Medication should be ordered on Medication Administration Record "MAR".
 - 5.4.2 Administer the correct dose as specified on the MAR according to facility policies on administration of medications
 - 5.4.3 Double check PRN medications and sign on MAR.
 - 5.4.4 Document in CERNER and record response to therapy or outcome
 - 5.4.5 RN has the responsibility to monitor the outcome and to contact the physician if expected outcome is not achieved.
- 5.5 **General consideration:**
 - 5.5.1 Before a PRN medication is administered the following may be considered:
 - 5.5.1.1 Physician order clearly specify under what circumstances a PRN medication may be administered.
 - 5.5.1.2 Avoid variable doses if administration is by care staff to avoid the need to make clinical decisions.
 - 5.5.1.3 Instructions for administration must be clear and unambiguous.
 - 5.5.1.4 Any instructions shall take into account if there are any other medications with similar therapeutic effect or class that may result in the patient receiving too much medication (e.g. Regular medications containing paracetamol with additional PRN paracetamol, in which the dose interval, maximum and the total daily dose shall be adjusted to avoid excessive dosing).

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6.0 References:

6.1 N/A

7.0 Appendices:

7.1 Related Forms:

7.1.1 N/A

7.2 Related Policy(S):

7.2.1 Medication Management Program

7.2.2 Med Station Pyxis policy

7.2.3 Verification & Reviewing of Prescription Orders

7.3 Related Standards:

7.3.1 JCI standards 7th edition – MMU Chapter.

7.3.2 GAHAR standards.MMS.11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16

7.4 Attachments

7.4.1 N/A