



be labeled. This includes all injectable medications drawn into syringes or mixed with intravenous fluids for use inside the operating rooms or procedure areas.

MM.33 The hospital has a system for obtaining medications when the pharmacy is closed.

- MM.33.1 There is a multidisciplinary policy and procedure on obtaining medications when the pharmacy is closed.
 - MM.33.2 The hospital permits only trained registered nurses and those authorized to prescribe medications to access pharmacy after working hours.
 - MM.33.3 The hospital has a limited list of approved medications to be accessible to non-pharmaceutical care staff when the pharmacy is closed.
 - MM.33.4 A qualified on-call pharmacist is available to answer questions and provide medications other than those accessible to non-pharmacists
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Standard Intent:

Continuity of patient care requires the availability of drugs within reasonable time and 24-hours daily. Most pharmacies are providing 24-hour services through inpatient pharmacy. Drug supply for emergency room patients could be met via establishing emergency room pharmacy working 24hours daily or serving through inpatient pharmacy after closure of outpatient pharmacy. Whenever pharmacist is not physically available on site, an on-call service must be established and announced to customers.

Pharmacy is a secure area and access is limited to working staff. Access to pharmacy by non-pharmacy staff after working hour may be allowed in some hospital but it should be very limited to a pre-defined list of medications that may be needed to serve patients. A night cabinet containing such medications have been tried in hospitals. Non-pharmacy staff allowed to access these medications should be known to the pharmacy director.

MM.34 The hospital has a system for handling recalled, discontinued, and damaged medications.

- MM.34.1 There is a multidisciplinary policy and procedure on retrieval and handling of recalled, discontinued, and damaged medications within specified time frame for patient safety.
- MM.34.2 The hospital recognizes and maintains on file all drug recall memorandums from the Saudi Food and Drug Administration, manufacturer, and/ or other relevant legal bodies.
- MM.34.3 The hospital notifies prescribers and individuals involved in prescribing, dispensing and administration of recalled, damaged, and discontinued medications.