

MM.16 The hospital has a safe and secure system for managing medications in the patient care areas.

- MM.16.1 The hospital implements a multidisciplinary policy and procedure on medications assignment as floor stocks in limited quantities according to the needs of each service unit.
- MM.16.2 Anesthesia reversal agents are available in operating rooms and areas where moderate or deep sedation is performed.
- MM.16.3 Oxytocics are available in the labor and delivery unit.
- MM.16.4 Benzodiazepine and narcotics antagonists are available in all patient care areas where benzodiazepines and narcotics are stocked.
- MM.16.5 All medications in the patient care areas are well separated and properly labeled.
- MM.16.6 Concentrated electrolytes are not allowed in patient care areas (unless patient safety necessitates their immediate use). All necessary precautions and separate locked cabinet with proper signage are in place to prevent inadvertent administration of concentrated electrolytes.

MM.17 There is a system to identify all medications brought into the hospital by patients or their families.

- MM.17.1 The hospital implements a multidisciplinary policy and procedure on handling medications brought into the hospital by patients or their families (patient's own medications).
- MM.17.2 Patient's own medications are checked for integrity and properly labeled if permitted for use, by a qualified pharmacist.
- MM.17.3 There is proper documentation of patient's own medications in the medical record (ordering, dispensing, and administration records).
- MM.17.4 When patient's own medication is not permitted, both patient and prescriber are informed.

MM.18 There is a system for storing narcotics, psychotropic and other controlled medications in accordance with relevant laws and regulations.

- MM.18.1 The hospital implements a multidisciplinary policy and procedure on proper storage of narcotics, psychotropic and other controlled medications.
- MM.18.2 Controlled and narcotics medications are kept behind steel doors with double locks.
- MM.18.3 The hospital allows a limited floor stock supply of controlled and narcotics medications to meet patients' needs.
- MM.18.4 The hospital maintains proper documentation of drug count, endorsement, and accountability.
- MM.18.5 The hospital maintains proper documentation of empty containers of narcotics and proper disposal of unused portions.

MM.19 The hospital identifies qualified healthcare professionals permitted to prescribe or order controlled and narcotic medications.

- MM.19.1 The hospital has a multidisciplinary policy and procedure on identification of those individuals permitted to prescribe or order controlled and narcotic medications and their prescribing privileges.
- MM.19.2 Only individuals permitted by the hospital and relevant laws and regulations prescribe or order controlled and narcotic medications.