

- MM.19.3 Individuals permitted to prescribe or order controlled and narcotic medications are known to pharmaceutical care staff and nursing staff who dispense medications.
- MM.19.4 The hospital implements its policy on prescribing privileges such as those for controlled and narcotic substances, chemotherapy agents, high-alert, radioactive or investigational, and other specialty medications.

## **MM.20 Safe prescribing, ordering, and transcribing of medication orders are guided by a clear policy and procedure.**

- MM.20.1 There is a multidisciplinary policy and procedure that clearly defines a complete prescription.
- MM.20.2 All currently prescribed or ordered medications are written in a uniform location in the patient's medical record.
- MM.20.3 Medication reconciliation is conducted at the time of admission and discharge.
- MM.20.4 Patient identification, diagnosis, indication, or clinical condition are made available with each medication order.
- MM.20.5 Medications are prescribed by generic name except when brand names are acceptable or required.
- MM.20.6 Staff comply with the proper use of approved and prohibited prescribing abbreviations.
- MM.20.7 The pharmaceutical care team conducts corrective actions when medication order is incomplete, illegible, or unclear.
- MM.20.8 All medications are accurately transcribed into the medication administration record (MAR) after being verified against the original physician order or prescription.

## **MM.21 The hospital ensures safe prescribing, ordering and transcribing of specific types of medication orders.**

- MM.21.1 The hospital implements a policy and procedure on specific types of medication orders including as needed (PRN), standing, automatic stop (ASO), titrating, tapering, range, weight-based, body surface area-based medication orders, and discharge or transfer orders.
- MM.21.2 The hospital prohibits blanket orders (e.g., resume pre-op medications).
- MM.21.3 Prescribing controlled drugs is according to laws and regulations of the Saudi Food and Drug Authority and other relevant authorities.
- MM.21.4 The transcription of medication order into the medication administration record (MAR) clearly reflects the type of order.

## **MM.22 The hospital has a system for prescribing antibiotics.**

- MM.22.1 The hospital implements updated and approved multidisciplinary guidelines on the proper prescribing of antibiotics.
- MM.22.2 The antibiotics guidelines are updated as recommended by the pharmacy and therapeutics committee utilizing the hospital anti-biogram.
- MM.22.3 There is proper implementation of the approved guidelines for antibiotics prophylaxis before surgery and/or dental procedures.
- MM.22.4 There is proper implementation of the approved guidelines for empiric and therapeutic use of antibiotics.
- MM.22.5 There is proper implementation of the approved prescribing privileges for antibiotics.