

All Staff - Counting Residents' Controlled Medications

Policy

In efforts to sake-keep our residents' medications, prescribed medications that have a high likelihood for misuse or abuse should be closely monitored. The following procedure should occur.

Procedure

1. Resident life should inspect all new medications that are turned in by residents.
2. The following medications should be identified for counting with the resident present:
 - Narcotic pain relievers (e.g. any medication containing morphine or codeine)
 - Methadone
 - Clonidine
 - Tranquilizers (e.g. Xanax, Lithium, Valium, Ativan, Benzodiazepine)
 - Barbituates (e.g. Phenobarbital)
 - Stimulants (e.g. Ritalin)
 - Ibuprofen 600 or 800 mg
3. If Central Desk is unable to count the medication when it is turned in, the medication should be sealed in a bag until time permits.
4. When Central Desk is able to count the medication (those listed in #2), the resident should be present to act as a witness.
5. If the resident is missing pills and it appears that the medication bottle or bag has been tampered/opened, Central Desk staff should notify their Supervisor.
6. If the resident is missing pills, but it does not appear that the medication bottle or bag has been opened, staff will inform the resident to double check the count of medication at the Pharmacy so they will not be held accountable for missing medications.
7. There may be a room and locker search if the cause of the missing pills is not determined through the pharmacy.
8. The resident will be put on a behavior contract if they are missing a significant number of pills and the bottle appears to have been tampered with.

Executive Director

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Date