



# RANCHO LOS AMIGOS

NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER

**POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL**  
**PHARMACY SERVICES**

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SECTION: **INTRAVENOUS ADMIXTURE PROGRAM**

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SUBJECT: **RETURNED I.V. PIGGYBACKS**

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## POLICY

Unadministered compounded I.V. piggybacks are to be returned to the Inpatient Pharmacy for disposition. This does not apply to I.V. antibiotics which are attached to a Mini-bag Plus adaptor.

## PROCEDURE

1. Labeling
  - a. Compounded I.V. piggybacks have an expiration date  $\leq$  12 hours or in accordance to manufactured product information.
  - b. Frozen I.V. piggybacks, after being thawed at room temperature and given an expiration date, based upon manufacturer's recommendation under refrigeration storage.
  - c. Returned compounded I.V. piggybacks will be returned to the Inpatient Pharmacy for disposition.
  - d. I.V. antibiotics which are attached to a Mini-bag Plus Adaptor, can be re-used, utilizing the fifteen day expiration period allotted by the manufacturer.
2. Reconciling returns
  - a. It is the responsibility of the sterile products staff to investigate and reconcile sterile product returns from the patient care areas.

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