

LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER POLICY

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PURPOSE

To mandate that patient have at least a month supply of maintenance medication and not to exceed 108-day supply.

POLICY

Pharmacy staff will evaluate prescriptions to provide sufficient medication to meet the intended treatment.

PROCEDURE

Package sizes will be evaluated to dispense unit of use whenever possible without adjusting refills. Examples:

1. Insulins – For all prescription the minimum dispensing quantity will be enough to provide a month supply. Pharmacist will automatically adjust quantity to be dispensed. This will include all formulary insulins
2. Diabetic Supplies - syringes, needles, test strips and lancets. The goal is to match the supplies to the same schedule and ensuring patients have access to supplies.
3. Dosing Tapers – The pharmacy shall follow the titration defined on the prescription to ensure that the patient has sufficient medication to complete the defined taper or a month's supply.
4. Dose Escalation - The pharmacy shall follow the dose escalation defined on the prescription to ensure that the patient has sufficient medication to complete the defined escalation or a month's supply.
5. Unit of use – Aspirin 81mg chewable comes in package of #36. To streamline processes packages of #36 will be used instead of counting out #30.
6. Unit of use – Will also be used when filling a cream or lotion, the closest package size that is available will be utilized.

RESPONSIBILITY

Outpatient Pharmacy

REVISION DATES

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