

**POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL
PHARMACY SERVICES**

SECTION: **DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACY**

SUBJECT: **LABELING MEDICATION CONTAINERS**

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POLICY

1. Drug labeling should be performed by a pharmacist or a technician under the supervision of a pharmacist. Prescription labels and pharmacy stock labels should be used only by Rancho Los Amigos NRC pharmacies.
2. Medication labels should be typed or computer generated. Labeling with pen is permitted only when computers are down or in an emergent situation.
3. The label must be legible and easily read. It should be firmly affixed to the container. The label for stock containers should be smudge resistant and protected from abrasion.
4. Labels should bear name, address and telephone of the facility.
5. The metric system is to be used on all labels.
6. The name of the therapeutically active ingredients should be indicated in compounded mixtures.
7. Labels for medications should indicate the amount of drug or drugs in each dosage form unless otherwise indicated.
8. Drugs and chemicals in forms intended for dilution or reconstitution, by the end user, must include the appropriate directions. Whenever possible, dilutions and labeling should be done in the pharmacy.
9. Reconstituted and other short dated drugs, such as antibiotics and biologicals, should clearly indicate the expiration date on the label. All compounded intravenous medications with 12 hour Beyond Use Dating (BUD) will have a label stating "Do Not Start After Date: _____ Time: _____".
10. Numbers, letters, coined names and unofficial synonyms and unapproved abbreviations are not be used to identify medications, with the exception of approved letter or number codes for investigational drugs.
11. Containers presenting difficulty in labeling, such as small tubes, should be placed in a larger carton or container bearing a label with the necessary information indicated. See prescription labeling P&P 2.03.0
12. The label should conform to all applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations.
13. All patient labeled medications, which are dispensed from the pharmacy, must have the initials of the technician preparing (if applicable) and the pharmacist initials checking.

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