

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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Subject: CLINICAL PHARMACY PROGRAM

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PURPOSE:

Oversee all Clinical Pharmacy activities at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. To have Pharmacists participate in the Clinical Pharmacy program in the development and continuous monitoring of patient medication therapy treatment plans following clinical specialty protocols developed and approved by local Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee and DHS–approved collaborative practice agreements.

PROCEDURE:

A Pharmacist participating in the Clinical Pharmacy program must have either:

- 1) A license from the State Board of Pharmacy as an Advanced Practice Pharmacist OR
- 2) Possesses two of the following certification/experience requirements:
 - A. Completion of ASHP-accredited pharmacy residency
 - B. Board certification in Ambulatory Pharmacy, Pharmacotherapy, or Psychiatric Pharmacy from Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialists (BPS)
 - C. One year of experience as a clinical pharmacist providing direct patient care services, as certified by a medical provider
 - D. Completion of an advanced practice pharmacist certification program

The Credentialing Committee for Clinical Pharmacy Program will provide credentials and privileges to the Medical Executive Committee (MEC) via the Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee (P&T) on all clinical pharmacy activities including training and competency requirements for pharmacist's participation in MEC-approved Clinical Pharmacy Program protocols.

Each Pharmacist must have completed and met the recommended training before participating in any MEC-approved Clinical Pharmacy Program protocols.

Pharmacist's clinical activities will be supervised by a supervising physician appointed by the Medical Director or through the DHS-approved collaborative practice agreements.

PHARMACIST'S CLINICAL ACTIVITIES

Clinical activities provided by the pharmacist, for patients 18 years and older:

- Attend multidisciplinary team rounds and medical conferences with physicians and nurses in specialty medical areas to evaluate and to assist in managing patient medication therapy regimens.
- Interview patients to obtain information regarding medication use, medication allergies and sensitivities, medication histories, assess compliance, and counsel patients on appropriate medication use.

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- Order or perform routine medication therapy-related patient assessment procedures including temperature, pulse, and respiration.
- Initiate or adjust the medication regimen of a patient pursuant to a specific written order or authorization made by the patient's prescriber, and in accordance with the specific medication monitoring protocol approved by local Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee and DHS–approved collaborative practice agreements.
- All inpatient medication or laboratory chart orders and outpatient prescriptions must include the name of the treatment protocol. A patient's prescriber may prohibit, by written instruction, any adjustment or change in the patient's medication regimen by the pharmacist.
- Order medication therapy-related laboratory tests.
- Administer medication and biologicals by injection pursuant to a prescriber's order.
- Analyze, evaluate, and prepare recommendations of medical literature in relation to medication therapy.
- Advise and assist in implementing cost-containment strategies for the usage of pharmaceutical products.
- Provide comprehensive medication information services for healthcare providers and patients.
- Design and conduct in-services and educational programs regarding medication therapy for healthcare providers and students on a variety of health-related services.
- Participate in performance improvement activities in ensuring optimal pharmaceutical care.

MEC-APPROVED CLINICAL PHARMACY PROGRAM PROTOCOLS

Heparin Therapy Protocol
Oral Anticoagulation Therapy Protocol
Aminoglycoside Therapy Protocol
Vancomycin Therapy Protocol