

JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES

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PURPOSE

To define the pharmacy policy regarding the disposal of outdated medication.

POLICY

While the daily reviewing of stock medication for outdated medication is the responsibility of nursing, the pharmacist shall be responsible for the disposal of the outdated medication.

PROCEDURE

1. A pharmacist shall make inspections of all drug storage and medication areas within the nursing care units on a quarterly basis for all facilities
2. In addition to reviewing all stocked medication and drug supply rooms for outdated medication, the pharmacist will also pickup outdated medication that has been previously identified by the nursing staff.
3. The pharmacy will attempt to seek credit for outdated medication from the vendors whenever possible by crediting the County's account or exchanging outdated medication for current medication.

Recall

The pharmacy will initiate all drug recalls immediately upon receipt of notification information from the manufacturer and/or wholesaler.

AUTHORITY

California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Article 8, Section 1438, Pharmaceutical Management

REFERENCE

NCCHC Standard Y-D-01