HIGH DESERT HEALTH SYSTEM AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER

SUBJECT:
VI-134 MEDICATION RECONCILIATION

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PURPOSE: To provide a process whereby the patient's list of current medications is reviewed against a list of medications ordered by the physician while under the care of the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC).

POLICY: All patients will have medications reconciled at each visit to the ASC.

PROCEDURE:

A. MEDICATIONS LIST

- 1. During the Pre-Anesthesia Evaluation unit (PAEU) visit, a licensed nurse completes the medication reconciliation form, documenting the following information:
 - a. The source of the information.
 - b. Allergies
 - c. Current medications, drug name, dose, route of administration, frequency.
 - d. Signature, date, and time of licensed nurse obtaining the information.
- 2. If patient does not know his or her medications, a reasonable effort will be made to obtain a complete and accurate list.
- 3. On admission to the Peri-Operative Holding Area (POHA), on the day of surgery or procedure, the licensed nurse will review the list with the patient to ensure that there has been no change since the Pre-Anesthesia evaluation visit.
- 4. Prior to anesthesia, the anesthesia provider will review the list and sign acknowledgement.

B. NEW MEDICATIONS PRESCRIBED

The surgeon or physician will review the medication list and sign the acknowledgement prior to prescribing discharge medications.

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C. DISCHARGE MEDICATIONS

At discharge from POHA, the licensed nurse will document the discharge prescription on the medication reconciliation form. A complete list is provided to the patient upon discharge from the ASC and the licensed nurse will instruct the patient to carry the medication reconciliation list with them and provide it to the next provider.

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