



High Desert Health System POLICY AND PROCEDURE

POLICY NUMBER: 651
VERSION: 1

SUBJECT: BLACK BOX WARNING

PURPOSE:

To provide guidelines for identification, review, and safe use of medications commonly used at High Desert Regional Health Center (HDRHC) having a FDA Black Box warning.

POLICY:

High Desert Regional Health Center (HDRHC) promotes the safe use of medications with Black Box Warning.

PROCEDURE:

1. The HDRHC Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee will review updated "High Priority Black Box Warning List" released by DHS Medication Safety Committee and the DHS Pharmacy & Therapeutic Committee and make recommendations to the "HDRHC Commonly Used Medication Black Box Warning Guidelines" list.
2. The recommendations made by P&T Committee, regarding medications to be included on the list and actions related to the specific medication(s), will be reviewed annually by the PSA&C Committee.
3. Medications with black box warnings stored in all HDRHC clinics and HDRHC Pharmacy will be marked with a "black box" sticker.
4. When new Black Box Warnings issued by the FDA are reviewed and adopted by the DHS Medication Safety Committee, the Pharmacy Director will present the additions at the next HDRHC P&T Committee meeting, or at an emergency meeting with the P&T Committee Chair, to review and decide on a plan of action, if indicated.
5. The P&T Committee recommendations will be presented, for review and approval, to the PSA&C at the next meeting or if urgent via E-mail.
6. Monitoring of Black Box medications will include review of pharmacist interventions and safety intelligence (SI) report

REFERENCES

Expected Practice: FDA Medication Black Box Warnings and "DHS High Priority BBW List" updated 2014

ATTACHMENTS

1. HDRHC Commonly Used Medication Black Box Warning Guidelines.

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2. DHS Expected Practice: FDA Medication Black Box Warnings and “DHS High Priority BBW List. April-2014 Updated.

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