



Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

OPERATING ROOM

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: MEDICATION PREPARATION, ADMINISTRATION
AND DOCUMENTATION – INTRAOPERATIVE PHASE

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Purpose of Procedure: To ensure safe medication administration and appropriate documentation during the intraoperative phase.

Policy Statement: Medications, other than those given and recorded by the anesthetist/anesthesiologist will be prepared, dispensed and documented by a registered nurse.

Physician's Order Required: Yes

Performed By: RN

Procedural Steps:

1. Upon physician's order, circulating nurse prepares medication for the sterile field.
2. Medication that is to be placed on the sterile field will be shown to the scrub nurse prior to being dispensed. The scrub person verifies the name of the medication, the strength, the amount and the expiration date.
3. Scrub person labels the container with name, strength and amount of medication immediately after placed on field.
4. When a scrub person is relieved, all medications are carefully identified by name, strength and amount of medication already used. If there is any question regarding the contents of a syringe or container, the medication will be discarded and replaced with identified medication.
5. Medications will be documented by a registered nurse as follows:
 - A. Record of Operation - Local anesthetic agent and amount administered.
 - B. Peri-Operative Patient Care Plan
 1. Record in designated section
 - a. Medication given from sterile field.
 - b. Wound irrigation from sterile field.
 - c. Coagulants given from sterile field.
 - d. Irrigation via catheters, drains.
 - e. Topical medications and site.

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References:

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