

**OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER
RESPIRATORY CARE SERVICES - ADULT
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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VERSION: 1**

SUBJECT/TITLE: STORAGE, SECURING AND DISPENSING RESPIRATORY CARE MEDICATIONS

POLICY: All respiratory medications will be dispensed via the Pyxis system. Medications cannot be administered without a written doctors' order and processed by the pharmacy.

PURPOSE: To explain the storage securing, and dispensing respiratory therapy medications.

DEPARTMENTS: RESPIRATORY CARE SERVICES

DEFINITIONS:

PROCEDURE: **Packaging**
Unit dose vials package all respiratory medications, with the exception of Mucomyst that is supplied in a 4cc bottle.

Storage

- All medication are stored in pyxis system.
- The respiratory therapy department only stores hypertonic saline for sputum induction.
- Secure the meds only for that treatment time.

**Do not acquire meds from patients other than the patient you are treating.
Do not secure more meds than needed for a later time.**

Dispensing

Medications are only given to patients:

- By personnel who are currently licensed as an RCP in the state of California.
- Who are hospital admitted into the HIS system.
- With unit dose vials except Mucomyst.
- Who are identified (2 identifiers) as the patient to whom the prescription was written for.
- When bottled medications are opened, they are dated and initialed.

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Returned and Unused medication

Any out of date medication is taken to the pharmacy for proper disposal.

Any drug surplus or is not needed for a specific patient is returned to the pyxis to properly credit the patient. Proper identification must be included with the medication.

References:	
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