

<b>Policy Title:</b>	<b>PRESCRIBING AND ADMINISTRATION OF DRUGS</b>		
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**PURPOSE:**

To define who may prescribe drugs and who may administer medications to the patients. To ensure safe administration of medication.

**DEFINITION(S):**

None

**POLICY:**

The prescribing and administration of a medication shall be in compliance with all pertinent regulations.

**PROCEDURE:**
**A. Who May Prescribe Drugs**

1. Drugs are administered only on the order of a member of the medical staff, an authorized member of the house staff, or another individual who has been granted clinical privileges to write such orders. All prescriptions that go outside the hospital for filling must be written by a licensed physician.
2. Nurse practitioner may prescribe according to hospital protocol only.
3. Pharmacists may prescribe according to a Pharmacy and Therapeutics approved protocol.

**B. Who May Administer Drugs**

All medications are administered by or under the supervision of appropriately licensed personnel in accordance with the approved medical staff rules and regulations.

1. Medical staff, an authorized member of the house staff, or another individual who has been granted such clinical privileges. (Refer to section on "Who May Prescribe Drugs".)

2. Appropriately licensed nursing personnel, in accordance with federal, state and OVMC nursing policy regulations.
3. Respiratory therapists - pursuant to a physician's prescription, may administer respiratory drugs within their scope of practice.
4. Radiology technicians - pursuant to a physician's prescription, may administer medications within their scope of practice.
5. Nuclear medicine technologists - pursuant to a physician's prescription, may administer medications within their scope of practice. Refer to policy: *Protocol for Nuclear Medicine Procedures*.
6. Qualified rehabilitation services staff – pursuant to a physician's prescription, may administer medications within their scope of practice

**C. Administration of Medications**

1. Drugs shall be administered only in the manner recommended by the manufacturer or in the manner specifically approved by the Olive View-UCLA Medical Center's Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee, unless there is prior approval from the attending physician for use in any other manner.
2. Administration of Intravenous Medications (Refer to Pharmacy/Nursing: Medication Administration Guidelines).
3. With the exception of Patient Controlled Analgesia, patient self-administration of medications is not permitted. (see Policy #236, Patient Controlled Analgesia and Narcotic Infusion: Peripheral and Central Venous Administration)

**D. Bedside Medications**

1. Medications are not to be left at the patient's bedside.

**ATTACHMENTS/FORMS:**

None

**REFERENCE(S)/AUTHORITY:**

The Joint Commission E-dition Standards, 2014

The American Society of Radiology Technicians, FAQ

<http://www.asrt.org/main/standards-regulations/practice-standards/practice-standards-faq#f1>

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