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POLICY TITLE: MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

Purpose

The University of Houston College of Nursing (UHCON) clinical faculty are committed to safe medication administration and reduction of medication errors. A medication administration policy along with appropriate faculty supervision is necessary for safe student medication administration. Failure to follow this policy and procedure will result in administrative withdrawal from the program.

Medication Administration Proficiency Exam

Please refer to [Student Testing Policy S127](#).

Medication Administration Procedure

1. Each semester students will be evaluated by UHCON clinical faculty for medication administration safety. Once the student has been supervised during medication administration by the UHCON clinical faculty (for each route), the faculty will determine if supervision can be provided by a staff RN/preceptor. The student will be notified via clinical course passport when they may be safely supervised by a staff RN/preceptor for medication administration.
2. Students will perform three medication checks to verify right medication.
3. Students will verbalize the twelve rights of medication administration to faculty and/or preceptor before entering the patient room to administer medication (i.e., right drug, patient, reason, dose, route, time, preparation, assessment, education, refuse, document, and response).
4. Students will verbalize and demonstrate a safe level of knowledge and skill of every medication to be administered including purpose of the medication, route, dosage, indications, incompatibilities, side effects.
5. Students will not administer medications to patients until they have verified all medications with the UHCON clinical faculty or staff RN/preceptor when approved by faculty, and medications are checked against the patient's medication record. Any calculations will be verified by clinical faculty or staff RN/Preceptor.
6. Students may give secondary intravenous (IV) medications (IV piggyback IVPB) under the supervision of the UHCON clinical faculty or staff RN/preceptor when approved by faculty. **NO IV PUSH OR DIRECT IV ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS WILL BE ALLOWED BY STUDENTS UNLESS DIRECTLY OBSERVED BY UHCON CLINICAL FACULTY.**
7. Students will not:
 - a. Administer chemotherapy
 - b. Set up or manipulate PCS/Epidural pumps
 - c. Access a central line to initiate IV medication drip or collect a blood sample
 - d. Pull cardiac sheaths

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- e. Manage heparin, vasoactive, anti-arrhythmic, or insulin drips
- f. Administer blood products
- g. Administer narcotic medications (no routes allowed)
- h. Alter IV rates on controllers or IV pumps unless UHCON clinical faculty are present or staff RN/Preceptor are present and under direct supervision
- i. Titrate any IV medications

Patient Care Variance Reports

1. UHCON clinical faculty shall complete a UH Student Counseling form whenever a medication error or an injury (to patient or visitor) involves a student. A copy of the UH Student Counseling form will be provided to the Associate Dean.
2. Students shall not complete any hospital-based patient care variance report without the presence of UHCON clinical faculty.

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