

TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF NECESSARY MEDICATION

Skill Level: RN, LPN

Definition: For temporary extension of necessary medication for control of chronic diseases where discontinuation would cause potential health hazard to patient.

<p>Subjective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "I just got here and I am out of medication." • "My medication order is due to/has run out." 	<p>Assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid, current medication order which will soon expire.
<p>Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient is medicated for a chronic condition, i.e., seizure disorder, diabetes, psychiatric, pulmonary, endocrine, cardiovascular AND current order expires prior to ability to have practitioner review. • Expired orders are not renewable without an order from a medical practitioner. 	<p>Plan: At nursing discretion may use any of the below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify dosage and type of medication. • Renew medication x 15 days, verifying previous expiration date. Please specify if you wish pharmacy to send additional medication or not. • May not be extended more than 15 days without practitioner review. • May not be extended if controlled (narcotic medication) • Schedule practitioner appointment or chart review for additional medication renewal orders. • <u>If the order has expired, a new order must be obtained from the practitioner. You may not renew expired medication orders.</u>

Nursing Education:

1. This protocol is not intended to reduce responsibility for timely practitioner appointments.
2. May not extend controlled medication by use of this protocol.

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