



Policy Name: <p style="text-align: center;">USING MEDICATIONS BROUGHT FROM HOME</p>	Policy Number: <p style="text-align: center;">0218</p>
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Policy

While Agape Hospice prefers resident medication to be supplied by our contracted pharmacy, we recognize the potential financial burden this may cause. This policy will outline the safe practices that must be followed in order to permit use of own medications.

POLICY ELEMENTS

1. Only medications dispensed from a pharmacy for that resident, in their original pharmacy dispensed containers with correct resident name, drug name and dosage may be used. Exceptions would be over-the-counter medications such as tums, senokot and tylenol which are in their original containers with proper labels. Expiry dates **must be** checked on all containers.
2. When there are multiple medications packaged together (i.e. in a bubble pack) with similar looking pills it can be sent to pharmacy for identification and re-packaging if there is difficulty in verifying which medication is which. If verification can be made, the medication will not be used.
3. RN's may administer resident's own medication as per Agape Hospice Order set.
4. Medications, once identified, are to be placed into the resident's individual medication boxes. Narcotics and controlled drugs must be counted by two RN's and recorded on the Controlled Drug Record form.
5. Medications not currently ordered by a physician that are over the counter should be sent home as soon as possible. Any prescription medication not being used will be sent back to pharmacy for disposal to prevent accidental administration. Any narcotic that is not currently prescribed will be counted by two RN's and sent back to pharmacy for storage and/or disposal after the resident has died. (as per Controlled Drug Management and Administration, policy # 0248)
6. At the time of death, it is preferable that all the resident's medications be sent to pharmacy for disposal. The *Returned to Pharmacy form* will be filled out, attached to medications and placed in the locked blue bin for pick-up Monday to Friday. Narcotics and controlled drugs will be counted by two (2) RNs and recorded on the Controlled Drug Record form.



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REQUIRED FORMS AND EQUIPMENT REFERENCES

Electronic forms location – FORMS
Hardcopy forms location – Nursing Station file cabinet.

1. Medication Returned to Pharmacy

REFERENCES

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