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Policy

Registered Nurses (RNs) at The Salvation Agapé Hospice may administer specifically formulated or compounded medications to aid in promoting comfort and quality of life for Residents.

APPLICABILITY

Physician, Registered Nurse (RN), Pharmacy

DEFINITIONS

Compounding: To mix together 2 or more ingredients of which at least one is a drug for the purpose of dispensing a drug or drugs, but does not include reconstituting a drug or drugs with only water.

REFERENCES

College of Registered Nurses of Alberta. (2015). Medication Guidelines.
 Government of Alberta. (2000). Government Organization Act. Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000. Chapter G-10, Sch.7. Current as of November 4, 2016.



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Procedure

The RN will check the medications against the Physician's order to ensure the correct medication is being used.

1. All compounded medications such as gels and suppositories will be listed on the Medication Administration Record (MAR) according to each ingredient.

For example:

Maxeran 15 mg	Gravol 15 mg
Stemetil 15 mg	Suppositories BID

It is not acceptable to use abbreviations instead of drug names on the MAR.

For example:

“Triple-Supps” “Double gel”

2. The RN should check expiration dates and note any auxiliary labels (i.e. Refrigerate) attached on containers prior to use of the compounded medication.
3. The mixing of medications of all dosage forms; oral liquid or solid, parenteral, and topical often affects the storage requirements, stability, and subsequently the efficacy of the product. The RN is expected to consult with pharmacy and/or published guidelines if he/she is mixing and/or storing compound medications.
4. The RN should assess and document the effectiveness of the compounded medication when it is administered and notify the Physician if a change in orders is needed.
5. All compounded medications are to be returned to the pharmacy for disposal if no longer appropriate for that specific Resident. **IT IS NOT** to be used for other Residents.