

SANILAC COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

CLINICAL PROCEDURE

NUMBER: DC1006

NAME: MEDICATION INJECTIONS

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I. PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for medication injections

II. APPLICATION

Populations: All
Programs: Direct: All
Contract: All

III. POLICY

It is the policy of Sanilac CMH that all nursing staff will follow standard medical procedures when individuals require medication injections.

IV. DEFINITIONS

V. STANDARDS

- A. Follow Universal/Standard Precautions
- B. Check medication label. Check medication order for individual name, correct dose and date injection due.
- C. Handle and prepare medication as specified per each manufacturer's instructions.
- D. Follow CDC Injection Guidelines
- E. Depending on the type of syringe and work setting, follow manufacturer's instructions for disposal.
- F. Remove protective gloves and dispose of in appropriate container. Sharps containers are kept in the med room. When full, they are to be sealed and collected as scheduled by Michigan Waste Disposal for disposal at their facilities.
- G. Document in electronic medical record.

V. ATTACHMENTS CDC Injection Guidelines

VI. REFERENCES

Injection Safety Guidelines From CDC

- Never administer medications from the same syringe to more than one patient, even if the needle is changed.
- After a syringe or needle has been used to enter or connect to a patient's IV it is contaminated and should not be used on another patient or to enter a medication vial.
- Never enter a vial with a used syringe or needle.
- Never use medications packaged as single-dose vials for more than one patient.
- Assign medications packaged as multi-dose vials to a single patient whenever possible.
- Do not use bags or bottles of intravenous solution as a common source of supply for more than one patient.
- Follow proper infection control practices during the preparation and administration of injected medications.
- Wear a surgical mask when placing a catheter or injecting material into the spinal canal or subdural space.

Adapted from: Guideline for isolation precautions: preventing transmission of infectious agents in health care settings 2007. Atlanta, GA: US Department of Health and Human Services, CDC; 2007. Available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/isolation/isolation2007.pdf>