

POLICY MANUAL

Subject: Emergency Medications and Supplies

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POLICY:

Cumberland Heights Nursing Services assumes responsibility for maintaining emergency medications and supplies as approved by the Chief Medical Officer.

PROCEDURE:

1. Emergency medications will include:
 - a. Ammonia inhalant
 - b. .4mg Nitroquick
 - c. Narcan .4mg/cc
 - d. Epinephrine 1mg/cc
 - e. 1 epi-pen
2. Emergency medications are available in unit-dose, age-specific, and ready-to-administer.
3. Emergency medications will be clearly labeled, sealed and stored in such a way that staff can readily determine the contents are complete and not expired. Medications will be kept in a locked container.
4. A staff nurse makes a weekly check to ensure that all listed supplies are present and have no outdated expiration dates, as well as ensuring that all three oxygen tanks are full.
5. A list of supplies needing to be replaced is forwarded to the Director of Nursing or designee following the weekly check or actual use of the supplies. Supplies are to be replaced **within 12 hours**.

See also Environment of Care Emergency Response plan.