

MEDICATIONS, IV FLUIDS & STANDING ORDERS

POLICY STATEMENT

It is Bay of Plenty District Health Board's (BOPDHB) policy that:

- medication will be prescribed, dispensed and administered to patients / clients in accordance with current legislation and relevant policies / protocols.
- identified patients will receive medication reconciliation on admission to BOPDHB hospitals.
- medication will be stored and handled according to current legal requirements and evidence based recommendations.
- medication standing orders may be used for the supply and administration of prescription medications under the specific circumstances as outlined within policy 7.1.1 protocol 1 Medication – Standing Orders.
- intravenous (IV) fluids and medications as prescribed by an authorised prescriber may be administered by IV certified registered nurses (RNs), registered midwives (RMs) and anaesthetic technicians as per CPM.I3.10.

PURPOSE

To ensure that patient safety is maintained during medication and IV fluid prescribing, dispensing and administration processes.

EXCLUSIONS

There are no exclusions.

REFERENCES

- Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 and Amendments
- Medicines Act 1981 and Amendments
- Misuse of Drugs Regulations 1977 and Amendments
- Medicines Regulations 1984 and Amendments
- Misuse of Drugs Orders (Various)
- Notes on Injectable Drugs (current edition)
- MIMS New Ethicals Catalogue (current edition)
- [MIMS Online](#) and MIMS on PDA
- Health Practitioners Competency Assurance Act 2004
- Centre for Adverse Reaction Monitoring Form – available from Pharmacy
- Intravenous Nurses Society, 2000. Infusion Nursing Standards of Practice. Lippincott Williams and Wilkins: Philadelphia
- McClintock A.D., Woods D.J., Kendall P.D., McRae G.D., Chalmers G.C., Orange A.F., Little S.V. (1999). Notes on Injectable Drugs (4th Ed.). New Zealand HealthCare Pharmacists Association (Inc.), Wellington
- Preferred Medicines List, Database PACentral
- Pharmacy Standard Operating Procedures
- [NZ Formulary](#) and [NZ Formulary for Children](#)
- [Health and Safety at Work Act 2015](#) and [Regulations 2016](#)

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ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 7.1.1 protocol 1 Medication Standing Orders
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.1.1 Informed Consent
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 2.1.4 Incident Management
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 2.5.2 protocol 2 Health Record - Content and Structure
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 7.103.1 Continuing Competence - Nurses and Midwives
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Clinical Practice Manual Medication protocols
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Clinical Practice Manual Cytotoxic Medication protocols
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Clinical Practice Manual Intravenous (IV) Therapy protocols
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board, 2008. IV Nursing Handbook for Registered Nurses and Midwives
- Accompanying forms
 - IV Workbook
 - IV Calculations Exams
 - Peripheral Intravenous Care plan
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.P8.1 Pharmacy – Patient Leave Medication Request Facsimile
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.P8.2 Pharmacy - Self Administration of Medications (SAM)
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.P8.3 Pharmacy – Preferred Medicines List Inclusion

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