

Vermont Emergency Medical Services District #3
Policy - Medication
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MEDICATION POLICY

All services shall have a system by which they receive and safeguard prescription medications. Documentation shall include inventory, safe storage, expiration data, inventory rotation and record of use.

All services are required to provide documentation of a medication policy to the District Medical Advisor(s) on or before November 1, 2005. Changes to the individual service policy, and/or discrepancies revealed by said medication policy shall be brought to the attention of the service director, as well as service and District Medical Advisors, for evaluation.

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION ERRORS

Medication administration errors or events shall be reported to the Fletcher Allen Health Care Emergency Department (ED) supervising physician immediately upon arrival of the patient to the ED. In the event that a patient develops a life-threatening reaction, on-line medical direction shall be sought immediately and prior to arrival in the ED.

Examples of medication administration errors include, but are not limited to:

- wrong patient
- wrong medication
- wrong dose
- wrong route
- expired medication
- history of allergic reaction
- significant side effects following administration

All medication administration errors and events shall be reported to the service training officer and medical advisor within 24 hours of the event. The service training officer and medical advisor shall then contact the District Medical Advisors.

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