

GENERAL MEDICAL 8.0

Drug Maintenance and Dispensation -- 8.3

Dispensing of Legend Drugs -- 8.3.c

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POLICY

All legend drugs dispensed to health department and regional clinic patients must be appropriately labeled with the name of the drug, name of the patient and doctor, issue date, expiration date and instructions on how to take the drug.

APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all health department personnel responsible for the distribution of legend drugs.

PURPOSE

To protect the health and well-being of all health department/clinic patients.

PROCEDURE

All legend (prescription) drugs are to be maintained in secure drug storage locations until the drugs are dispensed. Public health providers are expected to follow protocol in the distribution of legend drugs.

For every drug distributed, the health care provider making the distribution is expected to make sure the drug is properly labeled. The health care provider must also know side

effects and possible complications associated with each drug and should share this information with the patient, as appropriate.

If a policy decision is made between the Regional Health Officer and Regional Pharmacist to accept and distribute sample drugs, a system for proper inventory, labeling, distribution and storage of samples must be established.

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