

Administering & Dispensing Medications

Background

The Administering and Dispensing Medication PPG, last revised in November 2014, has undergone review and updates. Respiratory Therapists (RTs) are entrusted with the responsibility of administering medications within the bounds of their personal and professional scope of practice. This PPG offers guidance on accepting delegation to dispense, legal requirements concerning narcotics, and the necessary protocols for orders and documentation during medication administration.

To enhance clarity and direction in delegation of dispensing, the PPG has been streamlined with updated and simplified content. Clarity, currency, and conciseness in expectations and guidelines for Members on this topic are of utmost importance.

Consultation Feedback Details

The document underwent posting in accordance with the CROTO's public consultation process. A consultation survey was shared on the CROTO's website and promoted via the CROTO Twitter account. In total, 41 individuals viewed the consultation survey, resulting in 3 responses (from 3 Respiratory Therapists).

All respondents expressed that the policy was clear, understandable, and devoid of omissions and errors. A single comment was received, leading to a modification in wording.

Date consultation opened for feedback: May 31, 2023

Length of time posted for consultation: 60 Days

Date consultation closed: July 31, 2023

Consultation Summary

CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

41

VIEWED

3

COMPLETED

7%

Completed
(Views vs. Completions)

Outcome

A thorough examination of jurisdictional and regulatory frameworks was undertaken to ensure the document's content remains current and complies with all pertinent legislation and regulations. The content has been updated to encompass legislative mandates, incorporate gender-neutral pronouns, and provide refreshed links and references.

Furthermore, enhancements have been made to the medication error section, the stages of medication administration, and the rights of patients to refuse medication.



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