

Revision to MM.02.01.01

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The hospital selects and procures medications.

Elements of Performance for MM.02.01.01

1. Members of the medical staff, licensed independent practitioners, pharmacists, and staff involved in ordering, dispensing, administering, and/or monitoring the effects of medications develop written criteria for determining which medications are available for dispensing or administering to patients.
2. The hospital develops and approves criteria for selecting medications, which, at a minimum, include the following:
 - Indications for use
 - Effectiveness
 - Drug interactions
 - Potential for errors and abuse
 - Adverse drug events
 - Sentinel event advisories
 - Population(s) served (for example, pediatrics, geriatrics)
 - Other risks
 - Costs
3. Before using a medication new to the hospital, the hospital determines a method to monitor the response of the patient.
4. The hospital maintains a formulary, including medication strength and dosage.
Note 1: Sample medications are not required to be on the formulary.
Note 2: In some settings, the term "list of medications available for use" is used instead of "formulary." The terms are synonymous.
5. The hospital makes its formulary readily available to those involved in medication management.
6. The hospital standardizes and limits the number of drug concentrations available to meet patient care needs.
7. The hospital has a process to select, approve, and procure medications that are not on its formulary.
8. The hospital implements the process to select, approve, and procure medications that are not on its formulary.
9. Medications designated as available for dispensing or administration are reviewed at least annually based on emerging safety and efficacy information.
10. The hospital has a process to communicate medication shortages and outages to licensed independent practitioners and staff who participate in medication management.

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11. The hospital implements its process to communicate medication shortages and outages to licensed independent practitioners and staff who participate in medication management.
12. The hospital develops and approves written medication substitution protocols to be used in the event of a medication shortage or outage.
13. The hospital implements its approved medication substitution protocols.
14. The hospital has a process to communicate to licensed independent practitioners and staff who participate in medication management about the medication substitution protocols for shortages or outages.
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