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Medication Administration in the Clinical Setting, CNG-100.41

PURPOSE

To outline the process for supervision of students passing medications in the clinical setting. This process promotes safety and consistency for all students of St. Elizabeth College of Nursing.

SCOPE

Students, Faculty

REFERENCES

DEFINITIONS / ABBREVIATIONS

SECON: St. Elizabeth College of Nursing

PEG: Percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy

RN: Registered Professional Nurse

PROCEDURE / DIRECTIVE

1. Students require the appropriate level of supervision by their clinical instructor while passing medications in the clinical setting. Clinical instructors have the discretion to require students to pass all meds under their direct supervision, inclusive of oral, rectal, optic, and otic medications regardless of the progression of the student in the program.

- A. First semester students require the supervision and co-signature of their clinical instructor in the medical record whenever medications are administered.
- B. Second semester students require the supervision and co-signature of their clinical instructor in the medical record whenever medications are administered. The exception to this is during the Summer Practicum (NUR122) course in which the student may pass oral, optic, and otic medications at the discretion of their clinical instructor after the instructor has checked all prepared meds for accuracy and the student has demonstrated competency for the specific instructor in the clinical setting for medication administration of these medications. Medications given via nasogastric tube or PEG tube must be supervised during administration. All medications given parenterally (subcutaneous, intramuscular, and intravenous-peripheral and central lines) must be supervised by the clinical instructor or a RN at the discretion of the clinical instructor.
- C. Third semester students in NUR 232 and 233 require the supervision and co-signature of their clinical instructor in the medical record whenever medications are administered. The student may pass oral, rectal, optic, and otic medications at the discretion of their clinical instructor after the instructor or staff RN has checked all prepared meds for accuracy and the student has demonstrated competency in the clinical setting for medication administration of these medications. Medications given via nasogastric tube or PEG tube, or parenterally (subcutaneous, intramuscular, and intravenous-peripheral and central lines) must be supervised by the clinical instructor or a RN at the discretion of the instructor.
- D. Fourth semester students require the supervision and co-signature of their clinical instructor in the medical record whenever medications are administered. The student may pass oral, rectal, optic, and otic medications at the discretion of their clinical instructor after the instructor or staff RN has checked all prepared meds for accuracy and the student has demonstrated competency in the clinical setting for medication administration of these medications. Medications given via nasogastric tube or PEG tube, or parenterally (subcutaneous, intramuscular, and intravenous-peripheral and central lines) must be supervised by the clinical instructor or a RN at the discretion of the instructor.

2. Preceptor experience:

- A. The student may pass oral, rectal, optic, and otic medications after the preceptor has checked all prepared meds for accuracy. Medications given via nasogastric tube, PEG tube, and medications given parenterally (subcutaneous, intramuscular, and intravenous-peripheral and central lines) must be supervised and all medication administrations co-signed in the medical record by the preceptor.
- B. Preceptors will receive the student skills folder indicating the routes of medication administration that the student has done while under the direct supervision of their clinical instructors throughout the program. (See Preceptor Policy, CNG-100.19.)

3. Narcotic Administration:

- A. Administration of all controlled medications will be directly supervised by the clinical instructor or RN including removal from the automated dispensing cabinet and administration to the patient. The medication must then be co-signed in the medical record by the clinical instructor or RN.

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