

TITLE:	MEDICATION CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY	POLICY 16.08
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PURPOSE:

Provides guidelines for securing and storing medications.

SCOPE:

All nursing staff.

POLICY:

We secure medications for residents who are not capable for safely storing their own medications. The facility will provide independent residents the ability to control and store medications for self-administration or self-administration with assistance.

PROCEDURE:

1. All medications under the control of the facility will be properly stored:
 - a. In containers with pharmacist-prepared labels, in original manufacturer labels, or in nurse-prepared organizers
 - b. Each resident medications stored separately
 - c. Resident medications are kept away from toxic chemicals
 - d. Medications are maintained in a locked compartment and are accessible only by designated responsible staff
 - e. Medications will be maintained in the recommended environment
2. Residents who maintain control of their medications in their rooms will have a mechanism to safely store their medications to prevent other residents from gaining access.

EXCEPTIONS:

No exceptions to this policy may be granted without the prior written approval of the Director.

SUPERCEDES:

None