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<u>CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE WASTAGE</u>		

DEFINITIONS

Wasting of controlled substances – immediate disposal of a controlled substance dosage form, in part or whole, at or about the time of administration because return (to Pyxis® or pharmacy) is not possible or not safe.

POLICY

Controlled substances that cannot be returned for destruction via the reverse distribution process are wasted. Two individuals are required for each waste process, the person recording the waste and the witness of the process. Both persons must be in a position that has been approved for access to controlled substances

PROCEDURE

Waste of Unused Controlled Substances on Nursing Units

Unused portions of single dose narcotics are wasted. Any situation that requires the wasting of a controlled substance must be witnessed and the amount wasted documented on Pyxis® (or Medication Administration Record for medications not obtained from Pyxis®) by both the person wasting and the witness.

Waste of Special Dosage Forms

To dispose of a used transdermal patch containing fentanyl (Duragesic®), the nurse removing the patch should not touch the sticky side of the patch. Once removed, the patch should be folded in half, with the sticky sides together, and placed in a secure sharps container.



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