

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS HOSPITAL		
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<u>Intrathecal Dose Dispensing</u>		

DEFINITIONS:

Intrathecal – within the meninges, route of drug administration into the subarachnoid space containing the cerebrospinal fluid.

POLICY:

Medications for the intrathecal route will be labeled to indicate the route of administration and dispensed from the central pharmacy to a physician or nurse.

See also: Additional information for intrathecal chemotherapy found in the Chemotherapy Processing and Dispensing Policy

PROCEDURE:

1. Labels for intrathecal medications will indicate the intrathecal route of administration.
2. Intrathecal doses will be dispensed when picked up in the Inpatient Pharmacy by a nurse or physician. No other medications (for the same or a different patient) will be dispensed at this time. The person receiving the intrathecal will review the order with the pharmacist and verify his/her status as an Attending Physician, Fellow, Medical Resident or Nurse by signing for the medication on a Pharmacy Drug Delivery Slip.
3. Intrathecal chemotherapy doses will be dispensed when picked up in the Inpatient Pharmacy by a chemotherapy nurse or physician. No other chemotherapy medications (for the same or a different patient) will be dispensed at this time. The person receiving the intrathecal will review the order with the pharmacist and verify his/her status as an Attending Physician, Fellow or Chemotherapy Certified nurse by signing for the medication.

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