

USE OF PATIENT'S OWN MEDICATIONS

Medications brought into the hospital by the patient are not to be administered unless:

1. The equivalent formulary drug is not acceptable.
2. The medication cannot be purchased in an adequate time.
3. The medication has been identified by the Department of Pharmacy.
4. An order has been written by the attending physician.

Exceptions are: Oral contraceptives for birth control, where a patient may use her own supply if they have been identified and labelled by the pharmacy and specific orders have been written by the attending physician.

Medications brought into the hospital by the patient which cannot be absolutely identified by the Department of Pharmacy are not be administered to the patient.

Unidentifiable medications will be returned to the ward with a label stating that pharmacy was unable to make a positive identification of the contents.

A pharmacist will contact the prescribing physician to determine if a formulary drug is acceptable. If the non-formulary drug is considered essential, the medication will be obtained for this particular patient only.
