



- Accreditation Canada Survey will take place September 19–23, 2016
- In this issue, we will focus on 2 of the 6 Required Organizational Practices (ROP's) related to Medication Management Standards

Medication Management Standards Newsletter

- The VCH Accreditation Medication Management Standards Advisory Group is working on Accreditation Canada's Medication Management Standards to address improvement opportunities identified from the self-assessment surveys conducted during the Spring of 2015.
- These standards focus on the safe and effective management of medications; and address all aspects of the medication use process from selection to patient administration.

NARCOTICS and ELECTROLYTES SAFETY STANDARDS

Accreditation requires Vancouver Acute to review the storage and usage of all narcotics and electrolytes in the hospital. Availability of multiple concentrations has been minimized and restricted to specific patient care areas for patient safety.

Below are the changes made to comply with the upcoming accreditation requirements.

Narcotics

Accreditation Canada requires the organization to avoid stocking patient care areas with the following narcotic ampoules or vials with total doses of:

- fentanyl - greater than 100 mcg
- HYDROMORPHONE - greater than 2 mg
- morphine - greater than 15 mg



Regional P&T approval must be obtained for specific indications to exempt an area from the above requirement.

Medications with exemption	Approved indications as wardstock	VA approved locations
fentanyl 250 mcg/ 5 mL vial	Pain control, rapid sequence intubation, compounding of infusion bags	ICU, CCU, OR, PACU, Cardiac Cath Lab
	Procedural sedation by anaesthesiologist	Radiology
HYDROMORPHONE 10 mg/mL 1 mL	Pain control	Palliative Care Unit

Electrolytes for Injection

Electrolytes will be supplied to patient care areas according to Accreditation Canada standards.

- potassium (all salts): must be provided in ready to administer format
- sodium acetate & SODIUM phosphate 4 mmol/mL or greater: must be provided in ready to administer format

- sodium chloride greater than 0.9%:
 - 3% minibags: pharmacy sends as a patient-specific supply except for ICU, NeuroICU, ED night cupboard where it is wardstock for treatment of neurological emergencies
 - 5% minibags: pharmacy sends as a patient-specific supply
 - 23.4% vials: pharmacy sends as a patient-specific supply to dialysis unit only
- calcium salts (chloride and gluconate) 10% or greater: pharmacy provides ready to administer patient-specific supply, except for areas with Regional P&T approved wardstock exemption:

Medications with exemption	Approved indications as wardstock	VA approved locations
calcium chloride 10% (1 g/10 mL)	Life threatening arrhythmias	CCU, CSICU, ER AC, ICU, OR, BTHA, PACU, Emergency Response Drug Kits
	Antidote Depot Supply - calcium channel blocker poisoning	ER
	Malignant hyperthermia	OR
calcium gluconate 10% (1 g/10 mL)	Life threatening arrhythmias	CCU, CSICU, ER AC, ICU, OR, BTHA, PACU, Emergency Response Drug Kits
	Antidote Depot Supply - treatment of hydrofluoric acid burn	ER
	Urgent calcium replacement therapy	Dialysis Units
	Stem cell harvest/plasma exchange	Apheresis Unit (CP6C)