



Management and Disposal of Controlled Drugs for Patients and Families

We are providing you this policy to assist you in storing your controlled (e.g., narcotic) medications:

Storage:

- Store tablets and liquids at room temperature, in a cool dry place, away from heat or light. May store in the bathroom in medication cabinet. Store suppositories in the refrigerator.
- Medications stored in refrigerator should be stored away from food items, with proper labeling.
- Keep all medications out of reach of children and/or persons with altered mental status.
- Follow specific guidelines for storage and handling given by the pharmacy.
- Consider using a locked box to store controlled medicine to prevent this medicine from being stolen or taken by anyone other than the patient.

Disposal of controlled substances:

- Take unused, unneeded or expired prescription drugs out of their original container and throw them in the trash.
- Mixing prescription drugs with an undesirable substance, such as used coffee grounds or kitty litter, and putting them in impermeable, non-prescript containers, such as empty cans or sealable bags, will further ensure the drugs are not diverted.
- Flush prescription drugs down the toilet only if the label or accompanying patient information specifically instructs doing so.

Fentora (fentanyl buccal tablets)

Note: Patients should always refer to printed material accompanying their medication for specific instructions.

This policy has been discussed with me.

Patient/Caregiver Signature/Date

Hospice Nurse Signature/Date

*Note: One copy to patient record and one copy to patient.

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