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* PROCEDURE *

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HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

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ED
(Scope)

TITLE: DRUG DISPENSING PROCEDURE TO ED PATIENTS

PURPOSE: To outline the way ED patients receive medication.

EQUIPMENT LIST: 1. Appropriate medication, correct route
2. Unit dose medication

CONTENT:

PROCEDURE STEPS:

KEY POINTS:

1. The Emergency Department M.D. will order medication.
2. RN will verify order with M.D
3. RN will then remove medication from pyxis.
4. The RN will bring the order to the bedside & perform the 5 rights before administering the medication.
5. The route may be oral, IM, IV, subcutaneous, rectally or topically.
6. On discharge, a prescription is given if appropriate.
7. The ED physician may give the order to dispense medication from the Pyxis for the patient to take at home.
8. The medication will be pulled from the Pyxis – then placed in a plastic bag and labeled with the following using drug dispensary label:
 - a. The patient’s name, date, quantity
 - b. Name of medication
 - c. How and when the medication is to be taken.
 - d. Name of the physician who ordered the Medication.

RN will compare the patient’s ID band (name and Medical record number) with the medication order sheet.

The patient is to be instructed on medication usage and side effects. A Medication Reconciliation form will be given if applicable.

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 EMERGENCY ROOM 908-850-6800

Name: _____ Medication: _____	Date: _____ Quantity: _____	MD _____ DEA # _____
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- DOCUMENTATION:
1. The physician will order the medication on the ED order sheet or on a hospital order sheet.
 2. The RN signs his/her initials and time next to the order.
 3. Chart to patient reaction to medication if applicable.

References: Lippincott Manual of Nursing Practice 8th ed.