

Section: Division of Nursing

* **PROCEDURE** *

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TITLE: DISPENSING MEDICATIONS AND SOLUTIONS DURING SURGERY

PURPOSE: To insure delivery of correct medication and accurate dosage. All medications will be dispensed and/or administered by a registered nurse or a physician. Aseptic conditions will be maintained at all times.

CONTENT: PROCEDURE:

1. Labels of medications and solutions should be checked.
 - a. Three (3) times
 - b. When taking from shelf, drawer or cart
 - c. After dispensing
 - d. Proper dosage
 - e. Expiration date
2. Labels of medication or solutions should be shown to "scrub" personnel before dispensing so they will know what medication; dosage/strength and expiration date is on the sterile field.
3. All medication/solutions on a sterile field will have a sterile label. Those not labeled should not be used in the event of relief or shift change.
4. Any solutions that are not labeled as sterile and in a sterile container shall not be used on a sterile field.
5. Once sterile caps have been removed from the sterile solution bottles, they cannot be replaced and be considered sterile.

Resource: AORN Recommended Practices, August 2003