

TITLE: Monitoring Effects of Medication on Patients		
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PURPOSE:	The effects of medications on patients are monitored to assess the effectiveness of medication therapy and to minimize the occurrence of adverse effects. Ongoing patient monitoring will use a collaborative approach between patient care providers, physicians, pharmacists, the patient, family or caregiver.
*See Also:	
POLICY:	<p>Each patient's response to medication administered is monitored according to his or her clinical needs. Monitoring will address the patient's response to the prescribed medication and actual or potential medication-related problems. The results of the patient medication monitoring will be used to improve the patient's medication regimen.</p> <p>PROCEDURE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The patient care provider (e.g. nurse, respiratory therapist) will monitor and assess the effect of medications on the patient. Monitoring and assessment includes but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct observation to determine the response , problems or adverse effects Review of clinical diagnostic studies, laboratory values, medication profile and current clinically related data about the patient's condition and progress Information about the patient's own perceptions about medication side effects, and when appropriate, perceived efficacy and or sensitivities the patient may have to the medication Patients may experience adverse reactions to medications that are new to their systems. Observe patients closely when a medication that is new to the patient is added to their drug regimen. Patient's will receive a test dose for medications where this is appropriate and available (e.g. Imferon). For medications given on a first time basis in an effort to identify an adverse drug reaction, allergy or sensitivity to the medication, a test dose may be give. The information obtained through patient medication monitoring and assessment will be documented in the patient's medical record. Report adverse or untoward drug reactions immediately to the attending physician. Document occurrences in the online Incident Reporting System.
REFERENCES:	