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POLICY

THERAPEUTIC INTERCHANGE PROTOCOL

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OBJECTIVE: To allow the pharmacy to interchange medications for sole benefit of the patient. Pharmacy can interchange medications in the following classes; angiotensin receptor blockers, angiotensin converting enzyme blockers, statins, proton pump inhibitors, nasal steroids, inhaled steroids, tryptans, extended release, serotonin and norepinephrine re-uptake inhibitors, and beta blockers.

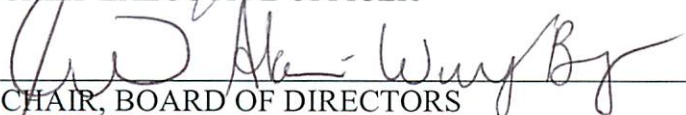
POLICY:

1. Pharmacy will receive the prescription and the technician entering the prescription will start a telephone encounter on the patient. On the reason line the technician will state the interchange taking place (ex; interchange simvastatin to atorvastatin) and send it to the pharmacist working that day.
2. The pharmacist will review the patient’s medical record for any allergy or intolerance to the new medication.
3. The pharmacist will go to the Rx tab in the telephone encounter and stop the medication that is being interchanged and start the new medication with the same number of tablets and refills (With Extended release, serotonin and norepinephrine re-uptake inhibitors, and beta blockers we will give the equivalent dose, same day supply and number of refills as the original prescription). The new prescription will be printed and attached to the interchange prescription and will be stored according to pharmacy protocols.
4. The pharmacist will then time stamp the telephone encounter and route the note to the provider who will time stamp and address the encounter.



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