

POLICY

ADVERSE DRUG EVENT & MEDICATION ERRORS

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OBJECTIVE: To identify potential and actual adverse drug events & medication errors at BCHC and establish how they will be reported.

An adverse drug event is defined as an unexpected outcome that may cause potential or actual harm to the patient and /or cause a course of therapy to be changed. Reportable adverse drug events are:

1. Anaphylaxis
2. Hives/Rash that may indicate allergy
3. Severe Diarrhea
4. Potassium imbalance caused by drug therapy
5. Drug interaction
6. Drug intolerance
7. Any other unexpected adverse event caused by a medication.

In the event that an adverse drug event is discovered, it must be documented by the following method.

1. It will be documented in electronic medical records as a telephone encounter.
2. If the event is serious such as to threaten the life or limb of a patient, or if the event was preventable by readily available information then the event will also be reported as an incident.

Reportable Medication errors are:

1. Wrong dose
2. Wrong frequency
3. Wrong drug
4. Wrong route
5. Wrong patient
6. Drug interaction

In the event that a medication error is discovered, it must be documented by the following method.

1. It will be documented in a log kept in the pharmacy and reported through an incident report to the CEO.
2. If the error results in an adverse drug event it will be documented in EMR as a telephone encounter and reported as an incident. The incidents are reviewed at the monthly QI/QA meeting.

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