

#### **10A NCAC 13D .2607    EMERGENCY DRUGS**

- (a) A facility shall maintain a supply of emergency drugs in compliance with 10A NCAC 26E .0408 which is hereby incorporated by reference including subsequent amendments. This Rule can be accessed online at <http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac.asp>.
- (b) Emergency drugs shall be stored in a portable container sealed with an easily breakable closure which cannot be resealed or reused and shall be readily accessible for use.
- (c) Emergency drug kits shall be stored in a locked storage cabinet or room out of sight of patients and the general public. If stored in a locked area the kits shall be accessible to all licensed nursing personnel.
- (d) All emergency drugs and quantity to be maintained shall be approved by the Quality Assurance Committee as defined in 10A NCAC 13D .2212.
- (e) If emergency drug items require refrigerated storage, they shall be stored in a separate sealed container within the medication refrigerator. The container shall be labeled to indicate the emergency status of the enclosed drug and sealed as indicated in Paragraph (b) of this Rule.
- (f) An accurate inventory of emergency drugs and supplies shall be maintained with each emergency drug kit.
- (g) A facility shall examine the refrigerated and non-refrigerated emergency drug supply at least every 90 days and make any necessary changes at that time.
- (h) The facility shall have written policies and procedures which are enforced to ensure that in the event the sealed emergency drug container is opened and contents utilized, steps are taken to replace the items used.
- (i) The availability of a controlled substance in an emergency kit shall be in compliance with the North Carolina Controlled Substances Act and Regulations (10A NCAC 26E) which is hereby incorporated by reference including subsequent amendments. These Rules can be accessed online at <http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac.asp>.

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