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Policy

Bay-Arenac Behavioral Health (BABH) is fully committed to carrying out its services in a manner consistent with its Mission, Vision, Values, and Strategic Plan, including the safe use and administration of medications.

Purpose

This policy and procedure is established to ensure appropriate standards and practices are enforced and maintained regarding the administration of medications.

Applicability

All BABH Staff
Selected BABH Staff, as follows: Clinical Management, Ancillary Care (RN, LPN, Psych., etc.),
and Primary Care (Case Mgmt., SC, OP, ES)
☐ All Contracted Providers: ☐ Policy Only ☐ Policy and Procedure
Selected Contracted Providers, as follows: Community Living Supports/Supported Independent
Housing Providers, Residential Providers, Contract Nursing Providers, and Day Program Providers.
Policy Only Policy and Procedure
☐ BABH's Affiliates: ☐ Policy Only ☐ Policy and Procedure
Other:

Definitions

N/A

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Procedure

To administer eye drops safely, effectively, and efficiently, the following steps must be taken:

- 1. Check medication administration record/order to see <u>right time and right</u> medications to be given
- 2. Clean and disinfect work area, if appropriate
- 3. Wash or disinfect hands
- 4. Gather all necessary equipment (e.g., Kleenex)
- 5. Locate the <u>right medication</u> and perform the <u>first of the triple checks</u> (quick review of what and/or how many medications are to be administered)
- 6. Perform <u>the second of the triple checks</u> which is the <u>in-depth review</u> of the 5 Rights (right medication, dose, route, person, and time) by checking the medication label against the medication administration record and place first initial of first name on medication administration record
- 7. Perform a *safety check* of medications (breaks, cracks, chips, discoloration)
- 8. Lock medication storage area or keep supervised while medications are given
- 9. Identify that you have the right person (use 2 unique identifiers)
- 10. Explain reason for the medications or any procedure you are doing
- 11. Provide privacy, if appropriate
- 12. Apply disposable gloves as appropriate
- 13. Have person tilt head back, may want to stabilize head for safety
- 14. Provide 2 tissues, one for each eye to avoid contamination
- 15. Caution against rubbing eye, pat excess drainage with tissue
- 16. With index finger, pull lower lid down to form a pocket
- 17. Place dropper as close to the eye as possible without touching it or any other surface, prevent back flow of medicine
- 18. Administer one-drop at a time into the pocket of lid (never directly on the eyeball).

 Allow the person to blink between drops to avoid overfilling of the pocket (causes medication to run out and lessens the effect, may want to use tissue at this time if needed)
- 19. Replace cap and secure it
- 20. Remove gloves and wash or disinfect hands after procedure
- 21. Perform <u>third check of the triple checks</u> (review medication administered) and place first initial of last name on medication administration record

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22. Observe, report, and record response from person or anything unusual regarding medications just administered

Attachments

N/A

Related Forms

N/A

Related Materials

N/A

References/Legal Authority

Joint Commission

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