

Tragic County Sheriff's Department



Policy and Procedure Controlled Medication Count and Storage

1. All controlled medications will be stored in a locked medication room, separate from all other medications.
2. All controlled medications will be kept within a locked cabinet or drawer within the locked medication room.
3. A single separate key will access only the controlled medications.
4. Access to the medication room will be limited to medical staff and/or trained facility supervisor.
5. Each time a controlled substance is dispensed to a detainee, the controlled medication count recorded will include the date, time, amount given, and ending count, signature of the detention nursing staff or detention facility supervisor.
6. All controlled medication will be recorded on the medication dispensing record.
7. Key to the controlled medication drawer on the medication cart is to be assigned to only one detention facility staff person with the controlled medication count to be completed at the time of transferring the key to another staff person, including detention facility nursing staff.
8. At any time it becomes necessary to destroy medication because of inmate refusal, wrong medication or contamination, or for any other reason, the controlled medication dispensing record will be updated, to include the waste witnessed by two staff persons.

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Policy and Procedure Medications brought to Tragic County Jail

Purpose: Pharmaceutical operations are sufficient to meet the needs of the facility and are in accordance with legal requirements.

Policy: Medications brought in from the outside by inmates or relatives may be administered upon authorization by the Medical Director. The medications brought in by the Inmate shall be validated by the Tragic County Physician and replaced as soon as a facility prescription is filled.

Licensed authorized medical personnel should make every attempt to contact the attending in the community for validation. If the physician is contacted a verbal order may be obtained to continue medication treatment until the medication therapy is reviewed by the Tragic County Physician.

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Policy and Procedure Pharmaceutical Operations

Purpose:

To ensure pharmaceutical operations are sufficient to meet the needs of the facility and are in accordance with legal requirements.

Policy:

1. Medications will be administered only on a written or verbal order of a clinician.
2. Verbal orders, obtained by a licensed medical staff only, must be counter signed by the clinician within seventy-two (72) hours.
3. No more than one dose of medication will be given to an inmate unless going to an outside appointment. No controlled items will be given.
4. All medications will be given as scheduled on the Medication Administration Record, unless otherwise documented.
5. All medications given must be recorded using the standard Medication Record
6. The medication room/cabinets will remain locked at all times when health personnel are not present.
7. No inmates will have access to the medication room.

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Policy and Procedure Qualification to Deliver Medications

Policy: Non licensed staff can deliver medications with a written order from the physician after demonstrating proficiency.

Procedure:

1. Non-licensed staff will need to demonstrate proficiency by being observed 10 times by an LVN or RN.
2. The non-licensed staff will be evaluated based on the "6-rights."
 1. Right patient
 2. Right time
 3. Right medication
 4. Right dosage
 5. Right route
 6. Right documentation
3. All personnel shall attend training annually.

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Policy and Procedure TASER

Policy: Tragic County Sheriff's Department permits the use of the M-26 Air TASER to gain control of violent or potentially violent persons, to effect arrest, or in defense of self or others.

Purpose: To provide guidelines to deputized staff for the use of the Air TASER within the performance of their duties.

Medical Treatment:

Persons struck with TASER darts or injured by a probe shall be treated at a designated treatment hospital as soon as practical after the incident. Persons will be medically cleared prior to being booked into the jail. Qualified medical personnel only shall remove the TASER darts from a person's body.