

Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital Policy and Procedure		
Discharge Prescriptions		
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POLICY

Discharge prescriptions may be an important component of the continuum of the hospitalized individual's care. Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital (VPCH) is committed to assisting the individual/family in obtaining access to appropriate pharmaceutical care during the discharge process.

No drugs supplied by VPCH shall be taken from the hospital.

PROCEDURE

The physician with appropriate clinical privileges may order medications, in emergencies, to be used during transportation and immediately post-discharge. A copy of the prescription may be given to the hospitalized individual/family, or prescriptions called into the local Pharmacy. A record of the prescriptions is charted in their medical record.


The prescription must meet all legal requirements for use outside of the hospital. Prescriptions for C-III and C-IV controlled drugs must be wholly in the handwriting of the prescriber or orally transmitted to a pharmacist. Prescriptions for C-II controlled drugs must be written on a prescription issued to the prescriber.

Physicians without a current valid registration number issued by DEA may not write discharge prescriptions for controlled drugs.

The Pharmacist/nurse will assist in obtaining the discharge medications if so requested.

References

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