

Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital Procedure	
COMPLEMENTARY/ HERBAL THERAPEUTIC REMEDIES POLICY	
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POLICY:


The Pharmacy Department, in collaboration with the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, establishes guidelines for the selection, dispensing, administering, monitoring, and storing of all medications at Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital.

- A complementary/ herbal alternative is a chemically different entity that may or may not have therapeutic efficacy.
- The selection of complementary/ herbal remedies may or may not enhance individual safety by lack of standardization and minimal to no evidence-based trials of efficacy.

PROCEDURE:

All Complementary Therapeutic Remedies will automatically be held while individuals are admitted to the hospital unless expressly written by MD to continue while admitted. Because of limited therapeutic information available for complementary therapeutic remedies (including herbal products), the prescriber assumes all risks associated with the use of these products when ordered and administered during a individual’s hospitalization.

References: The Joint Commission standard MM 04.01.01

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