

Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital Procedure

Pharmacy and Medication Contracted Service

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The Vermont Department of Mental Health has contacted with Copley Hospital to provide pharmacy personnel and all the equipment required to provide pharmacy services.

The Director of Pharmacy shall oversee all pharmacy-related processes at the Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital (VPCH) according to State and Federal rules and regulations.

VPCH pharmacists employed under the contract with Copley Hospital shall maintain a secure pharmacy at the site of VPCH. Pharmacists shall abide by all regulations required for a licensed Hospital Pharmacy.

Medications shall be stored and secure within the pharmacy and stocked in the Pyxis and other secure areas on the patient care units as determined by the Director of Nursing or designee.

Access to the pharmacy at VPCH shall be limited to VPCH pharmacists and pharmacy technicians at the direction of a pharmacist, and VPCH Nursing Supervisors and designees as authorized by the VPCH Director of Pharmacy.

The Governing Body has delegated responsibility for pharmacy services delivered in the hospital to the VPCH Medical Director and Director of Nursing.

VPCH physicians and registered nurses shall adhere to VPCH policies and procedures regarding storage and control of medications.

Approved by	Signature	Date
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