

Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center
Policies and Procedures

Subject: Adverse Drug Event

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OBJECTIVE: To identify potential and actual adverse drug events at GSHWC and establish how they will be reported.

I. PROCEDURES:

High-risk drugs used routinely at GSHWC will be identified and will have procedures associated with prescribing and dispensing. High-risk drugs are those defined as having high abuse potential and/or drugs with a narrow therapeutic range.

An adverse drug event is defined as an unexpected outcome that may cause potential or actual harm to the patient and /or cause a course of therapy to be changed. An adverse drug event may also be a medication error. Reportable adverse drug events are:

1. Anaphylaxis
2. Hives/Rash that may indicate allergy
3. Severe Diarrhea
4. Potassium imbalance caused by drug therapy
5. Drug interaction
6. Drug intolerance
7. Any other unexpected adverse event caused by medication

Reportable Medication errors are:

1. Wrong dose
2. Wrong frequency
3. Wrong drug
4. Wrong route

5. Wrong patient
6. Drug interaction

In the event that an adverse drug event is discovered, it must be documented by the following method.

1. It will be documented in electronic medical records as a telephone encounter.
2. If the event is serious such as to threaten the life or limb of a patient, or if the event was preventable by readily available information then the event will also be reported as an incident. If appropriate, the Pharmacy Director will contact the drug manufacturer.