

- B. Other healthcare professionals are authorized to have access to those medications they are authorized by licensure or training to administer.
 - C. Other technical and support staff such as Central stores, Unit Secretary's, Transporters, Nurse Aides, Radiology, and other technical staff may have access to non-controlled medications as deemed appropriate by department director and pharmacy as part of their job function.
4. Controlled substances are stored in locked cabinets or automated dispensing cabinets to prevent diversion and according to Ohio Board of Pharmacy and DEA laws and regulations.
 5. All expired, damaged, and/or contaminated medications are segregated in the pharmacy until they are removed from the hospital.
 6. Medications are stored in automated dispensing cabinets will be in secure bins whenever possible.
 7. Medications and chemicals used to prepare medications are accurately labeled with contents, expiration dates, and appropriate warnings.
 8. Drug concentrations available in the hospital are standardized and limited in number, including standardized concentrations of intravenous drip medications.
 9. Concentrated electrolytes (potassium chloride, potassium phosphate, and sodium chloride greater than 0.9%) have been removed from patient care units or areas. Concentrated potassium chloride is used in the perfusion machine for open-heart surgery. For this use only, concentrated potassium chloride vials are placed into a plastic bag, heat-sealed close with a cautionary label and then placed into a locked cart used only for open-heart procedures.
 10. Medications in patient care areas are maintained in the most ready-to-administer forms available from the manufacturer or if feasible, in unit-doses that have been repackaged by the pharmacy or a licensed repackager.
 11. Oral and Injectable chemotherapy medications are stored separately from non-chemotherapy medications and the shelves are labeled to indicate they are chemo meds.
 12. Medications for patients self-administering their medications will be kept in the automated dispensing cabinets until time of administration.
 13. All medication storage areas are inspected to make sure medications are stored properly.
 14. Emergency medication supplies are secured to maintain their integrity per the policy for those medications.
 15. Single and multiple dose Injectable vials will be used per policy 3364-133-28, Expiration Dates for Sterile, Injectable Vials.
 16. If a medication is not administered to a patient, those medications will be returned to secure medication storage areas or to the Pharmacy.
 - A. Medications not administered to a patient will be placed back into automated dispensing cabinet or other locked storage areas on the unit.
 - B. Medications that have been discontinued or the patient has been discharged will be returned through secure delivery means such as the pneumatic tube system.
 - C. Medications can be returned or delivered to the Pharmacy by persons authorized to have access to medications.

