

	<b>Policy:</b>	<b>Policy for Administration of Medication Medical Directives</b>
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**I. Indication:**

Recipient patients includes any adult patient  $\geq 16$  years of age presenting to the ED prior to first contact with the attending physician.  
Medications will be administered from the period beginning when a patient arrives in the ED to first contact with the attending physician, unless the attending physician specifically orders implementation of the directive beyond that period.  
Prior to implementation of any directive, a patient assessment is completed in accordance with standards of practice and any applicable hospital policy. Allergies and sensitivities must be documented.

**II. Authorized Implementers:**

All ED nurses and designated staff who have successfully completed the relevant ED Medical Directive orientation.

**III. Consent:**

Staff implementing the directive will obtain consent in accordance with the Health Care Consent Act and any relevant hospital policies and procedures.

**IV. Guidelines for Implementing the Order/Procedure:**

- See following

**V. Documentation & Communication:**

Implementing staff document the:

- Medication order ( including name of medication, dose, route, time of administration) in the order section of the patient record, noting the medical directive name and number, signing off the order as per the attending physician ( where known.)
- Administration, indications for administration, and patient response in accordance with hospital recordkeeping policies.
- Nurse to ensure that patient has been identified properly and has armband applied.

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