



ACCREDITATION STANDARDS



Introduction

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MEDS1.0	MEDICATION MANAGEMENT
MEDS1.1	Medication inventory processes ensure the availability and quality of medications.
M	<i>Guidance: A regulated health professional is assigned responsibility for ensuring that the non-hospital facility has the appropriate medication supply for the patient population, procedures performed and level of anesthesia.</i>
M	<i>Guidance: There is a list of medications that are available at the non-hospital facility. The formulary list is reviewed annually to ensure that the available medication meet the needs of the medical and surgical services offered at the non-hospital facility.</i>
M	<i>Guidance: The use of some abbreviations, acronyms, symbols and dose designations have been identified as an underlying cause of serious medication errors. Non-hospital facilities should endorse the Institute for Safe Medication Practices Canada (ISMP Canada) "Do Not Use Dangerous Abbreviations, Symbols and Dose Designations" list, avoid the use of abbreviations in all handwritten communications (e.g. "units" instead of "u") and review and revise all preprinted orders and medication administration records to ensure that no dangerous abbreviations are present (http://www.ismp-canada.org/download/safetyBulletins/ISMPCSB2006-04Abbr.pdf)</i>
MEDS1.2	Medication inventory is appropriately stored and managed.
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M	<i>Guidance: The recommended range to maintain potency of most medication stored at room temperature is between 15°C and 25°C. The recommended range to maintain potency of medications requiring refrigeration is between 2°C and 8°C.</i>
M	<i>Guidance: A simple, consistent system such as alphabetically is recommended. However, special attention should be</i>



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