Baum Harmon Mercy Hospital – License #28

Quarterly Waiver Report to the Iowa Board of Pharmacy

In March 2013 the Board of Pharmacy met and granted a waiver for 9.15(2). The waiver was granted provided the following: medication package barcode system continuously used and managed only by pharmacists licensed with the board, medication errors occurring at the bedside are reported to the Board and that 10% of the medications loaded independently by technicians are verified by a pharmacist.

Medications refilled or loaded by a technician during the period of time from October 1 to December 31, 2015 resulted in 335 products being filled or loaded into the automated dispensing cabinet (ADC) without pharmacist review prior to placement in the ADC.

Of the 335 products placed into the ADC by a technician without the medications being reviewed by a pharmacist prior to loading, 244 of the 335 (72.8%) medication slots filled independently were eventually pharmacist reviewed within 24 hours of being placed in the ADC.

Anomalies discovered are noted below.

Errors in the ADC:

No errors related to the ADC were noted during October 1 to December 31, 2015

Medication Errors otherwise reported (as requested by the board):

11/4/2015 Reaction at IV site while administering levofloxacin (Levaquin). Red streak and puffy vein was noted. Started at 1111 and stopped at 1205.

11/23/205 Overlooked medication levothyroxine (Synthroid)- not given at scheduled time (0730). Noticed it at 1132 and gave right away.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Baum Harmon pharmacy,
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