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 April 1 to June 30, 2015 resulted in 395 products being filled or loaded into the automated dispensing cabinet (ADC) without pharmacist review prior to placement in the ADC.

Of the 395 products placed into the ADC by a technician without the medications being reviewed by a pharmacist prior to loading, 326 of the 395 (82.5%) 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 April 1 to June 30, 2015.

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

4/7/2015: When patient was admitted, patient's methylphenidate (Ritalin) 10mg BID was not reconciled and was not ordered until second day of stay. When the medication was ordered as BID, the default times of 0900 and 2100 instead of the correct times of 0800 and 1200 were entered. Patient was given methylphenidate at 2100 for two nights- patient was restless and crawling out of bed and provider had to order a second sleeping med. Nurse noticed methylphenidate ordered to be given at 2100- she checked with a pharmacist and double checked admit med list. Sleeping med held, BID times modified and provider notified.

5/11/2015: Patient's INR was 3.3 on 05-11-15 at 0700. Warfarin order was not discontinued- it was ordered to be continued on admission- 2mg warfarin was administered at 1600. Patient's INR is 3.8 after 05-12-15 lab was drawn.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Baum Harmon pharmacy,
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