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 January 1 to March 31, 2016 resulted in 328 products being filled or loaded into the automated dispensing cabinet (ADC) without pharmacist review prior to placement in the ADC.

Of the 328 products placed into the ADC by a technician without the medications being reviewed by a pharmacist prior to loading, 234 of the 328 (71.3%) 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 January 1 to March 31, 2016.

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

2/27/2016 Mixed up wrong dose of antibiotic medication and before leaving the MED room nurse realized the error and stopped before proceeding to patient. Nurse realized mistake and took corrective action and mixed up a new dose and verified twice before taking it to the patients room.

3/23/2016 Written order for Dextrose 5%/ Lactated Ringers (D5LR) at 75mL/hr faxed to pharmacy to be entered into electronic medical record (EMR) by pharmacist. When reviewing orders, nurse noted order in EMR was entered as D5LR@15mL/hr. Infusion was running correctly at 75mL/hr not 15mL/hr. Pharmacy corrected the error in the EMR.

3/5/2016 A patient came in to the ER with chest pain. The physician had not arrived on yet. eEmergency gave an order for nitroglycerin 0.4mg sublingual STAT. Crash cart opened. Nitroglycerin removed. Expiration date checked. Nitroglycerin found to be expired. Medication was not given. New bottle of nitroglycerin removed from Pyxis and administered to patient.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Baum Harmon pharmacy,
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