

PROCEDURE FOR: Medication: Administration of Medications upon Discharge from the
Emergency Department

POLICY: A limited supply (maximum 2 pills) of Vicodin or Percocet may be given to a patient by nurses upon discharge from the ED until the patient can get a prescription filled at a pharmacy.

PROCEDURE:

ACTION

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The ED attending writes the order for either Vicodin or Percocet to be administered upon discharge on the ED record.2. The nurse removes the prescribed medications from Pyxis and gives these medication(s) to the patient upon discharge as ordered by MD.3. Instruct patient on medications instructions.4. Assess patient's understanding of medication instructions. | <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Name of medication, dose, route, side effects, food/drug interactions, and any other special considerations. |
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- DOCUMENTATION:**
1. MD order for administration of medication(s) to be sent home with patient upon discharge.
 2. Document on ED record the name of medication, dose and amount given.
 3. Document patient's understanding of medication instructions.

APPROVAL: Emergency Department Unit Review
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