

Storage Limitations

Refrigerator - temperatures are to be maintained between 36(F) and 42(F) degrees.

Insulins - dating required upon administration of the first dose and/or removal of the vial's cap, protect from freezing.

- Humalog Insulin - (insulin lispro) date, expires in 28 days after opening.*
- Lantus Insulin - date, expires in 28 days after opening.*
- Human R, NPH, Lente and 70/30 Insulin - date, expires in 30 days after opening.*
- Novolog Insulin - (insulin aspart) date, expires in 28 days after opening.*
- Novolin R, NPH and Lente - date, expires in 30 days after opening.*

Advair Diskus - date, expires in 30 days after removing outer protective cover or upon receipt from pharmacy (refrigeration is not required)

Serevent Diskus - date, expires in six weeks after removing protective cover or upon receipt from pharmacy (refrigeration is not required)

Mucomyst 10% and 20% vials - date and time required when opening vial, refrigerate and discard any residual solution after 96 hours.

Xalatan eye drops - expire in 42 days upon receipt from the pharmacy. If the previous supply is not completed, refrigerate and date when opening the new container. (after opening refrigeration is not required)

Miacalcin Spray - expire in 35 days after opening, must be stored upright.

Lidocaine Injection - expire in 30 days after opening.

Furosemide liquid - expire 90 days after opening.

Procrit Injection - expire in 21 days after initial dose administered, must be refrigerated.

Preservative free normal saline or sterile water - expire in 24 hours after opening, date required.

No food or drink are to be stored in the nursing station and/or refrigerator at any time.

Suppositories and topicals that require refrigeration are to be stored on separate shelves within the refrigerator. (“store in refrigerator” or “store in a cool place”)

Discontinued or outdated injectables and/or IV’s are to be removed from the refrigerator and destroy and/or returned to the pharmacy for credit as per facility policy.

The following injectables do not require refrigeration: Heparin, Vitamin B12 and Garamycin vials. Storage of these vials in a refrigerator and/or any other injectable that does not require refrigeration will result in a deficiency to the facility.

PPD and Pneumovax vials - date, expire in 30 days after opening, store in the refrigerator.

Duragesic Patches

- *charting*
- *placement*
- *disposal*

Cholestyramine (Questran Powder) - Administer all medications one hour before Cholestyramine or four to six hours after.

Synthroid, Levoxyl and Levothyroid tablets - Administer at 6am, separate 2 hours from other medications.

Tetracycline, Minocycline and Doxycycline - Separate doses of antacids, Calcium, Iron and Zinc one hour before or two hours after.

Cipro, Levaquin, Tequin and Avelox - separate from Magnesium, Zinc, Iron, Antacids, Multivitamins with Minerals and Calcium by at least 2 hours.

Acetaminophen -maximum dosage per 24 hours is 4000mg.

Advodart and Flomax - do not crush or open, swallow whole.

Controlled Substances

- *accountability*
- *shift changes*
- *storage of narcotics*

Storage of medications and treatments

- *all carts are to be locked*
- *keys to retained by nursing*
- *narcotic draw within medication cart to be locked*
- *medication room door to be locked*
- *treatment room door to be locked*