

AndroGel Utilization

General Information:

1. *Warning:*

AndroGel is a topical testosterone treatment for men and should not be directly touched by women at all. If a pregnant woman comes into direct contact with AndroGel, even by directly touching the application site skin of a male who uses it, there is a risk that the male hormone testosterone could be passed to the fetus. This can harm the fetus.

Nursing mothers should also avoid direct contact with AndroGel as it can be passed to a baby through breast milk and harm the baby. It can also interfere with lactation.

2. AndroGel is a schedule II controlled drug in New York State.

POLICY:

Only AndroGel Packets are permitted for use in the facility.

This product will be treated as any other controlled drug as far as storage, accountability and disposal.

PROCEDURE:

PHYSICIAN	Orders AndroGel only in <u>Packet</u> dosage form as indicated
PHARMACY	Dispenses according to all schedule II regulatory requirements
NURSING SUPERVISOR	Upon reception checks for accuracy and logs as a controlled drug in central log Distributes to and counts initial quantity with unit nurse Signs for initial quantity with unit nurse on Controlled Drug Accountability Form
UNIT NURSE	Stores in Controlled Drug Cabinet at Nurses Station Counts at beginning of shift with outgoing nurse and at end of shift with incoming nurse and both sign for recorded balance on Controlled Drug Accountability Form Wears gloves when applying and applies entire packet contents to upper arms or shoulders only as per manufacturer's instructions. Covers application site with clothing Disposes used empty used packet in Sharp Container Follows Controlled Drug Disposal Procedure for discontinued or excess doses

