Patient's Investigational Drugs from Home

Job Aid

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General Description

**Task:** To provide a process to account for, store, and administer a patient's home supply of investigational drugs.

**Who performs:**
- All Physicians and Advance Practice Providers
- Nursing
- VCU Principal Investigator
- VCUHS Attending Physician or Designee

**When to do:** Prior to ordering a patient's home supply of investigational drugs. Prior to administering a patient's home supply of investigational drugs.

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Detailed Steps

1. Investigational drugs from VCU IRB-approved protocols:
   1.1 The VCU Principal Investigator provides the patient care area with a summary or copy of the protocol, a copy of the signed consent, and all relevant information regarding the investigational drug, its effects, contraindications, drug interactions, and other pertinent data required for safe administration.

2. Investigational drugs from other institutions:
   2.1 The VCUHS attending physician or designee obtains a copy of the approved
protocol and a copy of the signed consent and provides the patient care area with this information prior to placing an order for the use of the patient's medication from home.

2.2 The VCUHS attending physician or designee will contact the other institution to assure the patient is appropriately followed, and to obtain all relevant information regarding the investigational drug, its effects, contraindications, drug interactions, and other pertinent information required for safe administration.

3. Identification of investigational drugs:

3.1 Investigational drugs may be dispensed in a manner that would prevent identification of the actual medication being used.

3.2 When a patient brings in a supply of investigational drugs, the pharmacist may not be able to identify the contents of the supply.

3.3 The identification process that will take place will include comparing the investigational protocol and labeling to the medication order entered in CIS for accuracy.

3.4 The pharmacist follows the procedures outlined in the 'Identification of Patient's Medications from Home, PH.PT.002C' and records "Unable to identify medication; verified accuracy of prescription and medication order" on the "Patient Own Meds from Home" sticker.