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INDICATION FOR USE OF MEDICATIONS POLICY

PURPOSE The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for specification of the indication for use of medications ordered for patients.

POLICY STATEMENT A diagnosis, condition, or indication for use for each medication ordered should be documented in the patient's medical record. Individuals prescribing, dispensing, and administering medication(s) should know the reason for the medication being administered.

All PRN orders shall include the indication for medication use.

SCOPE This policy covers all patients at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

DEFINITIONS None

INDICATION FOR USE OF MEDICATIONS PROCEDURE

Indication for Medication Use in Medical Record 1. A diagnosis, condition, or indication for use for each medication ordered for the patient should be documented in the patient's medical record.

Orders for Medication 2. The indication for use for medication orders is required as follows:
●PRN orders shall include the indication for medication use.

Staff Awareness and Resources 3. Individuals involved in the medication management of the patient should know the reason for the medication being

prescribed, dispensed, and administered, as recorded within the patient medical record. Resource sections within the patient medical record include, but are not limited to, the physician orders, clinical pathways, progress notes, medication administration record, flow sheets, medical history, etc.

REFERENCES:

1. JCAHO Standards MM 3.10, MM 3.20
2. MDACC Safety Standards for Medication Use

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