


<b>Name of Policy:</b> <u>Unit Dose Medication Dispensing</u> <b>Policy Number:</b> 3364-133-122 <b>Department:</b> Pharmacy <b>Approving Officer:</b> Senior Hospital Administrator <b>Responsible Agent:</b> Director of Pharmacy <b>Scope:</b> University of Toledo Medical Center	  <b>Effective Date:</b> 2/20/2023 <b>Initial Date:</b> 4/1/2017
<input type="checkbox"/> New policy proposal <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision of existing policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor/technical revision of existing policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reaffirmation of existing policy

**A: Policy Statement:**

To improve safety of medication administration using partial doses of available dosing units (i.e. vials, tablets, etc.), medications meeting criteria below will be packaged in the pharmacy as a unit dose preparation.

**B: Purpose:**

To remain compliant with ISMP recommendations and ensure patient safety when measuring medication doses. This acts as a portion of a safety strategy to continue to guide organizational strategic planning efforts for all medication acquisition, distribution, preparation, administration, and storage

**C: Policy**

**Inclusion**

- All medications that are a portion of a vial or ampule size stocked.
- All medications that are a portion of a liquid or solid oral dosage form.
- All medications that are a portion of a solid dosage form or topical product not otherwise covered above.
- All medications that are a portion of a product for inhalation or instillation.

**Exclusion**

- Injectable controlled substances as defined by 21 U.S. Code § 812 and hospital policies and procedures
- Emergent medications as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Automated Dispensing Medication Control Policy (Policy 3364-133-75)
- As needed medications
- Intravenous (IV) push medications that require a nurse double check
- Subcutaneous medications dosed per protocol by nursing staff
- Oral medications in liquid dosing dispensing units
- Topical products with variable dosage amounts
- Topical products with no reasonable unit dose preparation available

