(A) Policy Statement

A therapeutically equivalent drug may be dispensed following the development of objective interchange guidelines by the medical staff.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To promote cost effective, rational drug therapy by controlling the number of similar medications within a given therapeutic class that will be available on the formulary.

(C) Definition

The dispensing of a chemically dissimilar drug for another drug within the same class. Generally, the substituted drug has a pharmacological profile similar to the agent which is being substituted.

(D) Procedure

The Medical Staff Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee will identify potential therapeutic classes of medications which may provide opportunity for therapeutic interchange. Upon identification, experts in the area of the therapeutic classification will be charged with selecting an appropriate therapeutic class representative drug. In making this selection, the following factors should be considered: efficacy, safety and Pharmacoeconomics. Following the agent election, objective interchange guidelines will be established and will be reviewed with other members of the medical staff.

The therapeutic agent and the interchange guidelines will be created by the Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee, and approved by the Medical Executive Committee. Publication of the substitution guidelines will occur in the "Pharm Report," to notify physicians and other health care professionals of the guidelines.

The electronic medical record will guide practitioners to the appropriate conversions assisting in appropriate conversion and reconciliation. Refer to pharmacy policy 3364-133-36 for all currently approved substitutions.
Policy 3364-100-70-05
Therapeutic Drug Substitution
Page 2

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Approved by:</th>
<th>Review/Revision Date:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>/s/</td>
<td>12/20/2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Daniel Barbee MBA, BSN, RN, FACHE</td>
<td>Date</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chief Executive Officer - UTMC</td>
<td>12/20/2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/s/</td>
<td>01/08/2020</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Samer Khouri, MD</td>
<td>Date</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chief of Staff</td>
<td>01/08/2020</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Review/Revision Completed By:
HAS
Chairman, Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee
Director, Pharmacy

Next Review Date: 10/1/2022

Policies Superseded by This Policy: 7-70-05