(A) Policy Statement

The University of Toledo Medical Center Pharmacy will utilize narcotic monitoring software, personal observation, and peer reviews to identify diversion risks for narcotics dispensed to inpatient and outpatients. Pharmacy will also conduct random audits of narcotic use.

(B) Purpose of Policy

The process of periodic monitoring of narcotic dispensing will minimize the risk of diversion at the University of Toledo Medical Center.

(C) Procedure

Narcotic monitoring software will assist pharmacy in identifying risk for potential diversion.
1. Reports will be run both periodically and by request to determine narcotic use patterns.
2. Irregular patterns will be reviewed in greater detail to determine if substantial risk exists.
3. Reports will be reviewed by Pharmacy and the CNO on a regular basis.
4. Results of this review will be provided to the nursing director or supervisor on that unit to assist in determining risk.
5. If substantial risk is identified the nursing director/.supervisor in collaboration with the following departments will conduct an investigation: human resources, pharmacy, compliance, and security as needed.
6. If diversion is suspected the Ohio State Boards of Nursing and Pharmacy will be notified along with the DEA and law enforcement.

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