

PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH FACILITY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL, DRUG AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Section: NURSING--MEDICATIONS

Subject: RECORDING ORAL (PO) MEDICATIONS ADMINISTERED

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POLICY:

It is the responsibility of the attending psychiatrist to assure that medication orders are signed off within 24 hours. The OD is the attending psychiatrist on weekends and holidays.

Oral medications will be given unless otherwise specified by physician's order in tablet form. Liquid form will be given only if the patient is cheeking medication.

The mode of the PO medication, i.e. table, capsule, concentrate, should be noted on the med card and med graph.

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