

IREDELL HEALTH SYSTEM

Medications Sent Home with Patients	
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Policy:

Partially used prescription medications in multiple dose units (such as reconstituted antibiotic liquids, topicals, and non-controlled liquids) may be released to patients upon discharge only when the following conditions are met:

1. On the order of the prescribing practitioner, with the dosing schedule specified, for outpatient use in continuity with hospital care; and
2. After they are labeled by the pharmacist with these instructions for outpatient use.
(Note: Medications filled in response to compliance standards may be supplied for patients per outlined policy.)

All other medications shall be returned to the Pharmacy.

Procedure:

1. The provider shall place an order to send medication home with a patient, along with appropriate instructions for use.
2. The medication shall be labeled by the pharmacy as for outpatient prescriptions with the following items included:
 - Name and address of hospital
 - Date and prescription number
 - Patient's name
 - Name of drug, strength, and quantity
 - Directions for use
 - Name of prescribing practitioner
 - Name of dispensing pharmacist
 - Any pertinent auxiliary labels
4. This policy is for sending home unused medication. Nurses are not to request a refill prior to discharge so as to send a full container home with patients.
5. The names of drugs released to patients shall be recorded in the patient's medical record. It shall also be documented that the patient has received the opportunity for counseling

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