

Main Pharmacy Dispensing Tikosyn

1. We dispense Tikosyn unit dose (UD) capsules from Pyxis in CCU and SSU for patients who are beginning therapy, or who are being observed in CCU or SSU for dose adjustment. The UD capsules for refilling Pyxis are stored in Talyst.
2. We also dispense a 7-day (#14 capsule) supply from the inpatient pharmacy when patients are being discharged to make sure the patient has adequate time to make arrangements for monthly refills with their outpatient pharmacy. Previously, we utilized branded, pre-packaged bottles from Pfizer for this process. We are now using generic dofetilide and will no longer receive those bottles, but we will continue to provide the 7-day starter supply from our generic product stock.
 - a. Upon receiving a request to fill an order for this starter supply, complete the following steps:
 1. Obtain and fill out the next line on the Tikosyn Starter Prescription Dispensing log. Note the Rx# for use on the label.
 2. In Epic, navigate to the Custom Labels activity (Epic button → Pharmacy → Custom Labels).
 3. Search for and open the custom label “MCT RX TIKOSYN (DOFETILIDE)”.
 4. Update the following information on the Custom Label:
 - Rx# (obtained from Dispensing Log)
 - Patient name
 - Patient DOB
 - Strength of medication
 - Prescriber name
 - RPh initials
 - Medication expiration date
 - If physician/patient requests indication to be on the label, add this information.
 5. After completing all necessary information on the label, print 2 copies to MCTH_UNIT_DOSE.
 6. Obtain #14 capsules of the prescribed strength by performing a manual pick from Talyst and transfer to standard prescription bottle.
 7. Affix one copy of the label to the prescription bottle. Keep the second label for application to the back of the hard copy original prescription (usually obtained when the RN comes to pick up the product).
 8. In Clinical Pharmacology, print a patient education handout for Tikosyn to be provided with the prescription. In Epic, document this education via i-Vent on the patient’s chart (Type: Memorial Interventions, Subtype: Transitions of Care – Patient Education).
 9. Emphasize to the Nurse that the amount we dispense lasts for only 1 week. The patient should contact his or her pharmacy immediately after discharge to begin the process of pharmacy registration with Pfizer &/or drug procurement for future monthly prescription refills. Our retail pharmacy is registered with Pfizer to fill monthly retail prescriptions.
 10. File paperwork, along with the original hard copy prescription (with our label applied to the back) in the Tikosyn notebook.

References:

TN Pharmacy Laws, Rule 1140-03-.06; and 53-10-110.

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