



Facts About JCAHO Home Infusion Pharmacy Accreditation

JCAHO's home infusion pharmacy standards were developed to:

- • Assure the continuous provision of quality infusion services
- • Prevent and detect critical incidences such as adverse drug reactions, medication, errors, mechanical equipment failures, patient/family noncompliance

To meet JCAHO's home infusion pharmacy standards, a pharmacy must provide a full spectrum assessment, care planning, reassessment and performance improvement activities including:

- • Comprehensive assessment activities that consider patient history, current physical and medical status, lab reports, cognitive and psychosocial status, family/care partner support, prescribed treatment, concurrent oral prescriptions and over the counter medications
- • Drug interaction monitoring and identification of potential drug, dose or drug-catheter incompatibilities
- • Comprehensive admission procedures that include patient education of medical and disposable equipment use, medication storage and handling, emergency procedures, vascular access device management, recognition and reporting of adverse drug reactions
- • Comprehensive care planning that consider actual or potential drug or equipment related problems, therapy monitoring with specific patient goals, coordination of activities with other providers such as home health agencies and physician offices
- • Ongoing patient monitoring and reassessment activities to continually assess for response to treatment, drug complications, adverse reactions, and patient compliance
- • Laboratory report reviews, as applicable, and subsequent consults with appropriate care professionals to adjust medication orders as/if necessary
- • Maintain appropriate physical facilities for storage, preparation, dispensing and quality control of all infusion medications and equipment
- • Maintain appropriate procedures for the compounding and distribution of sterile infusion products as described in the national standards, federal and state regulations
- • Maintain an ongoing employee education and competence validation program
- • PI programs that include ongoing collection of clinical outcome data, patient perception data, trending and analysis of these and other performance measurement data, root cause evaluations of all sentinel events

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