



CENTRAL DUPAGE HOSPITAL
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM
POLICY & PROCEDURES

TITLE: MEDICATION STORAGE

SECTION: EQUIPMENT

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PURPOSE: To define the storage requirements of EMS equipment and medications stored on licensed EMS vehicles within the Central DuPage Hospital Emergency Medical Services System (CDHEMSS).

POLICY:

All equipment and medications shall be stored in compliance with manufacture recommendations. EMS Agencies and providers shall have in place a plan to ensure that the required environments can be maintained to protect the integrity of equipment and medications and ensure functionality and potency. All medications shall be stored in a secured manner.

Agencies should be aware and plan for environmental conditions that affect equipment and medications including but not limited to:

1. Temperature (both above and below recommendations)
2. Light (some medications need to be protected from light)
3. Humidity level (some medications and equipment have maximum humidity operational levels)
4. Vibrations (some medications may become damaged with vibrations, equipment may need to be recalibrated)
5. Electronic Interference (confirm with manufacture recommendations)

Medications being used during trial periods shall meet the above listed criteria, as well as:

1. Isolated within its own sealable container with warning label on the container
2. Tagged for daily accountability and inventory control
3. Labeled with expiration date(s)
4. Be stored with Standing Medical Orders (SMO) for use
5. Removed when the trial completes

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