

The Capsule

February 2021



Backordered Meds

- Generic Geodon

New Generics

- Insulin Aspart protamine-insulin
(Brand name: Novolog)
- Asenapine Maleate SubL. Tab
(Brand name: Saphris)
- Lubiprostone Capsules
(Brand name: Amitiza)



Survey Prep: Medication Storage & Administration Tips

- Store all medications separately according to route of administration (i.e. oral, patches, eye drops, suppositories).
- Medications, creams, & powders used for wound and other dermatological treatment should be stored separately from other medications.
- Medication cart must be locked when unattended in-patient care areas.
- Date any opened food/drink items used for medication administration, do not leave on the cart between med passes.
- Cover any resident information before stepping away from cart. Doing this prevents a HIPAA violation.
- Do not store cleaners or sanitizers with medications.
- Medications that are packaged/labeled from the pharmacy expire 1 year from fill date or earlier.

GUIDANCE §483.45(g) Labeling of Drugs and Biologicals and §483.45(h) Storage of Drugs and Biologicals

For medications designed for multiple administrations (e.g., inhalers, eye drops), the label identifies the specific resident for whom it was prescribed.

Additionally, to minimize contamination, facility staff should date the label of any multi-use vial when the vial is first accessed and access the vial in a dedicated medication preparation area:

- *If a multi-dose vial has been opened or accessed (e.g., needle-punctured), the vial should be dated and discarded within 28 days unless the manufacturer specifies a different (shorter or longer) date for that opened vial.*
- *If a multi-dose vial has not been opened or accessed (e.g., needle-punctured), it should be discarded according to the manufacturer's expiration date.*

*****Please Note:** We have teal colored bags for sending back returns to the pharmacy. This should eliminate any confusion on what medications are being delivered or being returned. If you still have gray return bags feel free to continue to use them.

Insulin Vials and Pens

***Glucometers should be resident specific and clearly labeled.**

***Must rotate and document site of insulin injection.**

Insulin suspensions – "mix" or "roll" the suspension without creating air bubbles.

Label insulin pens and vials with open dates and expiration dates (Insulins have differing expiration dates after opening – refer to packaging to determine the expiration date).

Insulins	Days to Expiration After Opening
Humalog 50/50 (Pen), Humalog 75/25 (Pen), Humalog 70/30 (Pen)	10
Admelog (vial & pen), Novolog (vial & pen), Humalog (vial & pen), Humalog 75/25 (vial), Lantus (vial & pen), Humalog 50/50 (vial)	28
Humulin N (vial), Humulin 70/30 (vial), Humulin R	31
Levemir (vial & pen), Novolin R, Novolin 70/30, Novolin N	42

Inhalers/Nebulizers

Label packaging with open date and expiration date (see packaging details).

Albuterol & Albuterol/Ipratropium (Duoneb) nebulizers:

- Vials should be protected from light.
 - Keep unused vials in the foil pouch or carton.
 - Vials expire 1 week after being removed from their foil pouch.

Inhalers	Time to Expiration After Opening
Advair Diskus	1 month
Anoro Ellipta	6 weeks
Symbicort, Combivent	3 months

Eye Drops

Store upright!

Latanoprost – expires **6 weeks** after opening or being removed from fridge.

Label open date on the bottle and recommended to replace eye drops every 30 days for infection prevention purpose.

Patches

Rotate and Document site of new patch application.

Ensure previous patch has been removed prior to application of a new patch.

Resources: <https://leadingagewi.org/media/80036/cms-20056-med-admin.pdf>; https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/som107ap_pp_guidelines_ltcf.pdf