



MEDICAL DIRECTIVE Acetaminophen Plain for Uncomplicated Pain

Approved by/Date: Medical Advisory Committee – June 26, 2012

Authorizing physician(s)

Physician of the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Care Centre (DV/SACC)
Emergency Department Physicians (LH Oshawa only)

Authorized to who

Registered Nurses working at the DV/SACC who have been certified as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) or nurses that hold the knowledge, skill and judgment that work within the DV/SACC Program.

Patient Description / Population

Client complaining of uncomplicated pain

Medical Directive Description/Physician's Order

Acetaminophen po 325 mg-650 mg, single dose

Specific conditions/circumstances that must be met before the Directive can be implemented

- Client must be registered to DV/SACC
- DV/SACC standard sexual assault and health history must be completed by the RN in consultation with the client
- No loss of consciousness
- Mild to moderate pain of musculoskeletal system, mild headache
- Pain symptoms cannot be the main concern of the client's visit to DV/SACC

Contraindications to the implementation of the Directive

- Client is allergic to Acetaminophen
- The nurse must consult with the DV/SACC physician (or Emergency Physician if not available) if client is/has:
 - chronic alcohol abuse
 - fever
 - physical injury, redness or swelling noted by patient or RN in the area of pain
 - client is still symptomatic despite a single dose of Acetaminophen po 650 mg

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Identify relevant Delegated Control Act or Added Skill associated with this Directive

None

Documentation requirements

Document medication administration as per Lakeridge Health Policy

Review/Evaluation Process (how often/by who)

Review to be done on a biannual basis. Review to be conducted by the DV/SACC Medical Director and the DV/SACC RN

Related Documents

None

References

- Ontario Network of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Treatment Centres- Medical Guidelines for HIV Post Exposure Prophylaxis for Sexual Assault Survivors (2011)
- Ontario Network of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Treatment Centres- Medical Directives (2011)
- College of Nurses of Ontario (2012)
- MOTHERISK, The Hospital for Sick Children (2012)