

Iowa County, Iowa
Policy Manual

Title: Medication Errors	Reference #: AMB 1018
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Policy

- To ensure that the patient is protected from harmful effects of medications that have been prescribed by his/her physician.
- To ensure that medication errors will be investigated by the appropriate staff, including the ambulance director, medical director, and pharmacy staff.
- To be utilized as a tool for learning.

Procedure

- Medication errors can consist of the following:
 - Wrong medication administered to the right patient.
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 - Wrong dosage of medication administered.
 - Wrong time for medication to be administered.
 - If it is an IV medication stop the infusion at once.
 - Notify the attending physician/medical control of the medication error, ASAP.
 - Take the patients vital signs, monitor closely and assess for any adverse reaction from the medication such as rash, dyspnea, nausea, etc.
 - Document the incident and give to ambulance director for review, by the medical director, pharmacy staff, and QA.
 - The director will observe medication errors for possible trends and possible causes of trends. Policy and procedures for medication errors will be reviewed yearly.