



**INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE
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| SUBJECT: USE OF OVER-THE-COUNTER (OTC) MEDICATIONS | | |
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SECTION: MEDICATION MANAGEMENT

POLICY: Over-the-counter (OTC) medications are subject to the same medication policies and standards as prescription medications throughout the service unit.

PURPOSE: To establish procedures for OTC medications that will be carried throughout the Service Unit.

SCOPE: This policy will apply to all OTC medications procured by the Crow Service Unit Pharmacy Department. The exception to this policy is emergency contraception (see 03.225 EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION) which is available to anyone at anytime.

POLICY STATEMENT:

OTC medications shall be evaluated for inclusion in the service unit formulary based on the same criteria used for the evaluation of prescription medications.

OTC medications shall require a prescription or medication order from a provider or pharmacist before they can be dispensed or administered to a patient.

OTC medications will be reviewed periodically by the P&T Committee as part of its overall drug formulary review.

The P&T Committee may further restrict access to OTC medications as it deems necessary.