Changes to Acetaminophen Policy

Based upon the rising cost of IV acetaminophen (Ofirmev®), the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee has instituted a new policy change to reduce IV acetaminophen use in patients readily able to take oral medications. IV acetaminophen is currently >1000 times the cost of oral and the majority of available data does not demonstrate superiority of IV acetaminophen over oral acetaminophen. This new restriction will not affect peri-operative use or use in patients who are truly NPO. The following policy verbiage has been added to CM A-32 and will be executed by the pharmacy department on both campuses. Thank you for your help and awareness on this initiative.

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**ALERT**: Highest priority emergency communication; warrants immediate action or attention by the recipient.

**HIGH ADVISORY**: High priority does not warrant immediate action but recipients should be aware.

**ADVISORY**: Provides very important information for a specific incident or situation that does not require immediate action.

**UPDATE TO ALERTS AND ADVISORIES**: Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation unlikely to require immediate action.

**INFORMATIONAL MESSAGE**: Provides timely information, important for review or serves as a reminder for an action that should be taken.
Please contact Christopher Miller if you have any questions at 464-4214.

Transitions in Care Symposium

Applies to All Physicians
American Heart Association Get With The Guidelines Stroke- Target: Stroke Gold Plus, Honor Roll Elite Plus

Upstate’s Comprehensive Stroke Center has been awarded Gold Plus, Honor Roll Elite Plus from the American Heart/American Stroke Association. This is the second year in a row that the stroke program has earned this award.

Gold Plus, Honor Roll Elite Plus means that Upstate’s Stroke Program consistently demonstrates stroke quality measures that exceed national benchmarks. The program must also demonstrate the fastest treatment times with 75% of all IV tPA cases in 60 minutes or less and 50% of all IV tPA cases in 45 minutes or less. In 2016, 100% of our IV tPA cases were in 60 minutes or less and 78% were treated in 45 minutes or less. Less than 15% of hospitals are able to achieve this level award, so congratulations to the entire stroke team on performance excellence.

Outstanding Physician Comments

Each week we receive written comments from our patients regarding the care we provide within the Hospital. Below are this week’s comments from grateful patients receiving care on the units and clinics at Upstate:

**Emergency Department - Dr Wirtz** – 100% committed to my care. Very impressed by his attentiveness thoroughness and care.

**Dr. Albanese** also excellent and very informative as to my care.

**Inpatient @ Community Campus - Dr. Azer** is my surgeon and I’m very happy with him. Trust him totally and love the fact that he cares about me and my health.

**8F - Dr Villarreal, Dr Virk** were fantastic. **Dr Virk** went above and beyond in helping me after I was discharged

**Family Medicine** - I always experience top notch, impeccable service from **Dr Clyde Satterly**.

I've been with **Dr. Manetti** since I was 16 years old, and I'm 31 years old. He's the BEST doctor there is!!

I have nothing but the most utmost respect and admiration for **Dr. Clyde Satterly**
Dr. Clyde Satterly continues to be an excellent physician, one whom I've seen since I was a child.

Dr. Satterly has been my dr. for years and he always has been able to help me when others couldn't figure out what's going on. He's a blessing and I never want to lose him as my dr. ever.

Dr. Greenwald is responsive and readily engages with his patients. He has demonstrated an astute ability to listen, an emphasis on understanding symptoms, root issues and treatments that have made sense for me, as well as members of my family. This coupled with his breadth of medical al expertise and ability engenders confidence.

I have been a patient of Dr. Nanavati for the past15+ years and he is the very best Dr. I have ever dealt with. I feel blessed to have Dr. Nanavati as my primary care doctor - He is THE BEST! Always - in all ways. Don't know what I'd do without him.

Dr. Nanavati is an exceptional physician. He works to heal the whole person, not just to treat obvious symptoms.

Dr. Finn - she is compassionate and knowledgeable.

UHCC Neurology - I am truly thankful to have Dr. Young as my provider. She spends time explaining everything to me in great detail and genuinely seems to care about my well being.

Dr. Young is very knowledgeable and efficient, yet kind, compassionate and communicative. She answers our questions and I feel like she genuinely cares about me as a patient. I feel confident in her care, and guidance during this disease.

Dr. Ko is an amazing gem of a Doctor. I've never had anyone so thoroughly care for every detail and be so genuine. She is also very intelligent and a very good communicator. Always goes out of her way to get me in when something is urgent. Always goes out of her way to make sure I understand everything.

Dr Shah! before I came to him I went to 3 different neurologists. They never helped but he took the time to listen to me and figured out the reason why I had so many headaches. By now I am having a lot less headaches. I am sad that he is leaving but he will always be my hero.

Joslin - Dr. Kelly provides excellent patient care. It’s a partnership where she provides me with information so I can make an informed decision regarding my treatment.

Dr. Weinstock is simply the best endocrinologist/caregiver I have encountered in Central NY
Dr Kelly, she truly cares about her patients!
Dr. Dhalliwal is always very helpful and thoughtful.
Surgery - UH - Dr. Dunton is the best.
Dr. Gahtan professional, courteous, competent, genuine.
Adult Medicine - Dr. Cleary is the best care giver and she is so aware of all my medical needs. I feel as if she knows more about my health than I remember, myself!
Dr. Cleary is a warm & caring doctor. She also was my father's doctor & is my mother's doctor. She's very gentle & understanding! I've never had a doctor like her!
Dr. Lynn Cleary I just admire my doctor!! She's super brilliant and always up to date on every medical/medicine etc!!!
University Cardiology - Dr. Michiel is always caring and spends a lot of time with me.
Dr. Liu is a very good doctor - has contact with my personal physician and discussed treatment for my ongoing situations. Very knowledgeable about my health problems.
Upstate Urology - Dr. Bratslavsky has been exceptionally clear and detailed about procedures and my results following surgery. His concern for my welfare is readily apparent, and I am very fortunate that I was referred to him for surgery.
Dr. Nikolavsky has taken away my pain! He is my hero!
Dr. Byler was amazing!
University Internists - Dr. Frechette is far better than "very good", he's incredible.
Dr. Frechette is truly an exceptional physician and healer.
Urology at Community Campus – Dr. Paonessa saw to it that the surgery, service and care I received was exceptional. I hope people are proud of her service!!
Dr. Khanna always take the time to clearly address all my options and concerns.
Pediatric Urology - Dr. Mason explained our son's surgery in detail and gave us the opportunity to provide input on decisions.
Dr. Matthew Mason - so great; very smart & informative; explained things so well & discussed everything thoroughly.
Medicine Subspecialties - Dr. Ghimire is very approachable. He truly cares about each of his patients. Always a pleasure.
Vision Care - Dr. Swan exhibits a genuine passion for his field of study (uveitis); as well as an intensity in his focus to help an individual patient like me. He is making a big difference in my eye condition and quality of life, which has been a problem for twenty years.
Breast Care Center – Dr. Lai was calm, kind, listened and organized my continuing care which was exactly the purpose of my visit.
ENT - Dr. Woods - he is very attentive and understanding and has the ability during trying circumstances to make you feel as comfortable and makes sure that you understand he has a heart and expresses that in all he does and says.

University Geriatricians - Dr. Sharon Brangman - highly knowledgeable & caring physician.

Outpatient Surgery Center - Dr. Albert exceeded my expectations. He was a compassionate, informative, and wonderful surgeon that gave me the best possible care.

Pediatric and Adolescent Center - We love Dr. Schurman! Very kind, gentle listens and helps.
Acetaminophen Dosing

Review Date: 05/23/2017
Change Description: 05/23/2017
 Revised Date: 05/23/2017
Change Description: NPO sections rewritten for both adults and pediatrics; references updated.

Applies to:
Pharmacists, Medical Providers, Nurses

Policy:

**ADULTS:**
In adults, the maximum amount of acetaminophen from all sources that should be administered to a patient in a rolling 24 hour period is 3000mg.

If a patient is identified as receiving more than 3000mg (for adults) acetaminophen within a 24 hour period, the pharmacist may change a combination (codeine or oxycodone plus acetaminophen) medication order “per policy” to the single opioid component at the same dose/frequency/parameter originally ordered to reduce cumulative acetaminophen exposure.

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PEDIATRICS:
In pediatric patients, a single dose of 35-40mg/kg is allowed, at medical provider’s discretion, as a single dose in the PACU, OR, or pre-op holding.

The amount of acetaminophen from all sources that should be administered to a pediatric patient in a rolling 24 hour period is the lesser of 3000mg or 75mg/kg, except in the initial 24 hour postop period during which the above noted large single dose combined with prn orders may exceed 75mg/kg and/or the medical provider may elect to administer acetaminophen every 4 hours around the clock. If orders for around the clock dosing which exceed the above noted dosing limits are not modified by the medical provider within 24 hours of therapy initiation, pharmacists are authorized to change such orders to a prn pain status “per policy”.

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Corresponding Clinical Procedure(s):
None

Patient Education/Related Resources:
Medication Dose Standardization Policy, CM M-29

Form Name(s) and Number(s):
None

Originating Department: Pharmacy
Contributing Department(s): Peri-Operative Division

See MCN Policy Manager System for the latest version
Evidence-Based Reference(s) for Policy:
Practice consistent with clinical expertise focused on patient safety and patient preferences; no external evidence found in literature published within the last five (5) years.

Evidence-Based Reference(s) for Procedure:


WHO SHOULD ATTEND
Acute and community-based healthcare service providers, nurses, physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, case managers, social workers, pharmacists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, dietitians, administrators and other individuals interested in improving person-centered quality healthcare services and supports for persons who transition from one healthcare setting to another.

SYMPOSIUM PURPOSE
The Transitions in Care Symposium is a one-day event focusing on topics relevant to individuals involved in a patient’s journey across the continuum of care. This year’s Symposium is focusing on populations with patterns of high utilization.

The symposium brings together the interdisciplinary team; leaders of hospitals, community-based organizations, payors and others who are actively involved in innovations and strategies designed to identify and address drivers of high utilization for vulnerable populations.

This dynamic event will include national, regional and local innovators from across the care continuum who will share insights and expertise on whole person innovative practices designed to manage this vulnerable population.

SYMPOSIUM OBJECTIVES
• Identify characteristics and drivers of utilization for vulnerable populations with high utilization patterns
• Identify best practices and evidence-based strategies designed to manage populations at risk for high utilization
• Gain an enhanced understanding and knowledge of community-based programs designed to meet the needs of this population
• Describe opportunities and enhanced understanding of data collection and analysis for the purpose of identifying and managing at-risk populations

Accreditation
7.5 CE will be provided for the educational event for nursing, social work, and healthcare executives
• Institute for Continuing Nursing Education at SUNY Upstate Medical University is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the New Jersey State Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission On Accreditation.
Provider Number NYP261-11/14-17
• SUNY Upstate Medical University is recognized by the New York State Education Department’s (NYSED) State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #0291
• As an independent chartered Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives, the Healthcare Management Association of Central New York is authorized to award 7.5 hours each of ACHE Qualified Education credit towards advancement or recertification in the American College of Healthcare Executives

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TRANSITIONS IN CARE SYMPOSIUM
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Tuesday June 13
8 am - 5 pm
followed by a reception
OnCenter, 800 South State Street., Syracuse NY
Parking free in the Oncenter parking garage
Registration at: www.upstatefoundation.org/UpstateCON

SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

8 - 10 am Welcome
Nancy Page, CNO Upstate University Hospital

Keynote Speaker: Identifying and Addressing Drivers of High Utilization for Vulnerable Populations
Amy Boutwell MD, MPP, President, Collaborative Healthcare Strategies

10 - 10:15 am BREAK

10:15 - 11 am Panel - Strategies
• Pediatric Health Home - Elizabeth Nolan, LMSW - Health Homes Serving Children
• Liberty Resources - Marta Durkin, LMSW - How Peers are Improving Health Outcomes
• St. Camillus Day Program - Jennifer Page, CTRS
• Syracuse Behavioral Health - Raymond Wright, Director of Residential Services

11 - Noon Applications of Population Health - Management Technologies in the Management of High-Utilizing & Vulnerable Populations
Joseph Riley, MPH, Chief Information Officer, Central New York Care Collaboration

Noon - 1 pm LUNCH and Networking

1 - 2 pm The Upstate Emergency Medicine Bridge Clinic: An Emergency Department’s Response to the Opioid Epidemic
Ross Sullivan M.D, Assistant Professor, Upstate Department of Emergency Medicine/Director of Medical Toxicology Consultation Service

2 - 2:45 pm Panel - Resources
• Onondaga Country Resource Center - JoAnne Spoto Decker - Long Term Care Services and Supports
• Hopeprint Collaborative Project - Nicole Watts
• HealtheConnections - Jeff Sneider, MD, Family Care Medical Group
• Upstate - Susan Freeman - Video Remote Interpreting

2:45 - 3 pm BREAK

3 - 4 pm Elder Law & Special Needs, Tax & Trusts & Estate Practices
Jaime J. Hunsicker Esq., Associate Hancock & Estabrook

4 - 5 pm Community Violence a Public Health Crisis
Lawrence Williams, Director - Syracuse Save Our Youth

5 - 6 pm Wine and Cheese Reception

REGISTRATION FEE
$125 per person
Includes conference materials, light continental breakfast and lunch.

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Dr. Boutwell is President of Collaborative Healthcare Strategies, a thought leadership and technical assistance firm that advises delivery system transformation efforts nationally. Dr. Boutwell advises several large-scale collaborative efforts aimed at system redesign to reduce readmissions and improve care across settings and over time. These include several federal initiatives funded by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), such as the Quality Improvement Organization “Care Transitions” Aim, the Partnership for Patients Hospital Engagement Networks, and the CMS Learning Systems for Accountable Care Organizations and Bundled Payments. Dr. Boutwell has also worked with the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission, in addition to statewide all-payer readmission reduction efforts in Massachusetts, Michigan, Washington, Maryland, and Virginia; and the New York Medicaid Delivery System Reform Incentive Program “super utilizer” collaborative. Dr. Boutwell also advises providers, provider associations, state agencies, and health information technology and health information exchange agencies.