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PURPOSE:

Pharmacies in Ontario have initiated **“Beyond the Use Dates” (BUD)**. This document will outline what Hospice Care Ottawa (HCO) practices with our infusions.

POLICY:

It is HCO's policy to use the drug past the BUD date but within the stability/expiry date. HCO treats the compounded drug day at the pharmacy as the drug received day at the hospice.

It is HCO's policy that cassettes are to **be started before the BUD and may continue to be used until the expiry date**. HCO calculates the **expiry date** from the date the infusion is compounded at pharmacy.

Expiry length of time for the following drugs;

E.g. **Midazolam 9 days** from day of compounding (compound day is Day 0)

E.g. **Ketamine 6 days** from day of compounding

E.g. **Opioids 30 days** from day of compounding

PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES:

BUD: **accounts for the sterility and risk of contamination during the compounding process and not the stability** of the drug itself

Expiry: reflection of the stability of the drug once it is compounded (compound day is Day 0)

Physicians should routinely indicate the approved duration of use in their orders.

E.g. Midazolam CADDs all concentrations; ok to use for 9 days from day compounded (day received is Day 0).

E.g. Opioid CADDs all concentrations; ok to use for 30 days from day compounded (day received is Day 0).

***Nursing Alert-** Please label all compounded drugs on CADD Infusion Flow Sheet with 'date drug was compounded' and 'the corresponding expiry date'

E.g. Morphine 1mg/ml
Compound Aug 15/2022
BUD Aug 24/2022
Expiry Sept 14/2022

As long as cassette is started prior to BUD of Aug 24, the BUD may pass but HCO does not discard the cassette until Sept 14.



E.g. Midazolam 5mg/ml
Compound Aug 14/2022
BUD Aug 15/2022
Expiry Aug 23/2022

As long as cassette is started prior to BUD of Aug 15, the BUD may pass but HCO does not discard the cassette until Aug 23.

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