



## C&W Pharmacists, Nurses & Prescribers

### COVID-19: Patient's Own Medication

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<b>What's New?</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describes the use of patient's own medications during the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>2. During COVID-19, this policy and procedure replaces PTN.02.003 Patient's Own Medications.</li> </ol>
<b>Why?</b>	<p>During COVID-19, medications brought into the hospital by a patient will not be administered to the patient while in hospital and will not be sent to pharmacy for identification and labelling.</p>
<b>How does this affect my practice?</b>	<p>The C&amp;W Pharmacy Department will supply all medications to the patient. When the medication is not on the BCHA Formulary, the Pharmacist will consult with the prescriber to determine whether a formulary medication can be used in place of the patient's own medication. If not appropriate or if there is no available formulary alternative, Pharmacy will obtain the medication as soon as possible.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If medications are brought to the hospital with a patient, the nurse will return the medication to the patient and instruct them not to self-administer the medication while in hospital.</li> <li>2. The pharmacist will contact the prescriber to discuss formulary options.</li> <li>3. If no formulary options are available, the pharmacist will procure the medication as soon as possible for the patient.</li> </ol>
<b>How do I find out more?</b>	<p>Speak with program pharmacist, charge nurse, senior practice leader, or medical lead.  Review the policy here  <a href="#">COVID-19: Patient's Own Medications</a></p>
<b>Who do I contact for further information?</b>	<p>Contact your area pharmacist or call the Pharmacy Department for any questions.</p>