

PRACTICE POINTER

ACETAMINOPHEN ORAL LIQUID

BCCH – All Department

HIGHLIGHTS

November 1st 2022

- ▶ Acetaminophen oral liquid stock is returning to 80mg/mL at BCCH; although the bottle/packaging is different than previous supply



KEY POINTS

The changes include:

- Omnicell stock changed to acetaminophen 80 mg/mL and remaining stock of 32 mg/mL will be removed to reduce the risk of error
- Cerner will re-activate the 80 mg/mL product which will display on the eMAR for all new orders
- Current orders for acetaminophen will be manually changed by pharmacy staff to 80 mg/mL

These steps cannot occur simultaneously so there will be some times where the order may indicate the 32 mg/mL but only the 80 mg/mL product is available

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT MY PRACTICE?

The ordering of acetaminophen in liquid form remains unchanged

Follow all safe medication 'rights' as usual

In CST Cerner and Omnicell:

Whether 80 mg/mL or 32 mg/mL product appear on the eMAR, when either drug product is scanned using the barcode, the system will calculate the correct volume needing to be administered

Remember: Omnicell generated labels reflective the PRODUCT and not the patient specific dose. A warning will appear as a prompt for you to verify the dosage

What do I do?

- To support safety, users are encouraged to use **BARCODE SCAN (CLMM)**
- Complete manual calculations as well during this time period in case there is an error in the system and the incorrect volume is displayed

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE?

[Med Safety Practice Pointers CLMM](#)

[Barcoding 101 - Medication Administration](#)

[CST Cerner Help: Scan Multidose Medications](#)

WHO DO I CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION?

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