

CST PRACTICE UPDATE

GETTING YOU READY FOR THE TRANSFORMATION

NARCOTICS AND BOTS: NAMING AND WASTING IN OMNICELL STANDARDIZATION – OMNICELL

OVERVIEW

- ▶ Already started in January, infusions containing **controlled substances (narcotics or BOTS)** are removed from Omnicell **by the mL** rather than syringe or bag. This allows for wasting discontinued infusions in Omnicell.
- ▶ The medications will also be labeled under **total dosing volume** being removed and not concentration of medication. Example:

Morphine 100 mg/100 mL NS bag [PCA]
 instead of
Morphine 1 mg/1 mL NS 100 mL bag [PCA]



KEY POINTS

- Change applies to infusions containing **controlled substances** that are in a **pre-made syringe or bag** (e.g. epidurals with narcotics, PCAs, and continuous morphine infusions)
- When administering the above medications to a patient:
 - 1) Follow usual Omnicell procedures to access the medication. The countback of the medications remain as **number of syringes or bags**.
 - 2) When you reach the screen to input the dose, the total mL of the product will need to be entered rather than 1 (syringe or bag).
 - 3) Please note: the syringe/bag will be listed as total dose being removed and not by the concentration of the medication being removed.
 - 4) When the medication is discontinued, waste the remaining medication via Omnicell as you would for other narcotics. The wastage will no longer be recorded on the flowsheet.

Note: Wasting via Omnicell is required **ONLY** for Controlled Substances (narcotics, BOTS, medicinal cannabis, zopiclone, etc.) See Controlled Substances policy for information.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (ON SHOP)

1. [AUTOMATED DISPENSING CABINETS – MEDICATION REMOVAL AND ADMINISTRATION](#)
2. [CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES – RECORDS AND VARIANCES](#)
3. [WASTAGE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES POLICY \(PHSA\)](#)