Policy

Medications are continued throughout the patient's hospital stay except in the following circumstances:
- Where the patient undergoes a procedure that entails a general anaesthetic
- Patient is transferred from Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), or Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Emergency Unit (CAPE) to a general nursing unit

Procedure

1. Medications will be continued for the duration of the patient’s hospital stay unless:
   - The prescriber discontinues the order,
   - A stop date or duration of therapy is specified in the order
   - The patient is transferred to a new clinical service who is assuming care of the patient (e.g. NICU / PICU Transfer, Post-Operative Transfer, CAPE Unit).

2. All pre-operative medication orders are discontinued after surgery that involves a general anaesthetic; and if they are to be continued they will be reordered by the prescriber. The order “resume pre-operative medications” will be accepted.

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