INVESTIGATIONAL MEDICATIONS

POLICY

Investigational medications required to be taken by inpatients or outpatients of Children’s & Women’s Health Centre of BC (C&W) will be approved by the governing research and ethics committees prior to initiation of the research study (eg. University of British Columbia Research Ethics Board, BC Children’s Hospital Research Institute, Women’s Health Research Institute).

All investigational medications used by patients at C&W are subject to the organization’s medication management processes, whether the research study is conducted at C&W or not.

PROCEDURE

1. When a research study is contemplated at Children's & Women's Health Centre of BC which requires medication inventory control (eg. purchasing, storage) and dispensing, the investigator must contact the Department of Pharmacy. A Pharmacy Coordinator or delegate will review the proposed investigation, provide comments on the study protocol and provide a cost estimate for study support, if required.

2. Upon research and ethics committee acceptance of the research study, the investigator will contact the Department of Pharmacy and an initiation date will be confirmed.

3. Appropriate documentation will be provided by the Department of Pharmacy according to a pre-arranged schedule.

4. Medications will be purchased and dispensed in compliance with the standards required by Health Canada and the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia.

5. The Department of Pharmacy will supervise and monitor use of investigational medications according to Health Canada regulations.

6. Investigational medications must be prescribed and administered according to C&W policy (Refer to Policies PTN.01.001 and CM.03.01). Additionally, when a patient is receiving an investigational medication for a study that is not conducted at C&W, the investigational medication must also be identified and approved for administration according to C&W policy (Refer to Policy PTN.02.004).